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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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## CONCERN OVER RISING CRIME

by Mitzi Grasso

All of the LAPPL's Directors are concerned about public safety in the City of Los Angeles. If Chief Parks and his management team are able to address and solve the issues that we have raised, then we will be the first to praise them for a job well done. However, at this point in time, that is not occurring. This concerns us. Therefore, we feel that it is our duty to raise the issues that are of concern to the community to ensure that they are addressed and resolved so that we can return to a safer Los Angeles.

Over the past few months we have consistently renewed our call on Chief Parks to focus on solving problems, not absolving himself from blame. Time and time again, we have invited the Chief and his management to join the League in its mission to identify all issues and provide solutions that enhance public safety in Los Angeles.

Sadly, when the LAPPL has raised an issue—such as officer morale, attrition, rising crime rates, dropped 9-1-1 calls, community policing or serving bilingual residents—the LAPD management has responded by disputing statistics, launching personal invective and, for added emphasis, shoving its head even further into the sand. By all means, as Joe Friday would say, "Let's look at the facts." But don't let that stop us as a community from also taking actions—actions that restore public safety standards in Los Angeles.

### Skirting the Issue

Instead of performing mathematical gymnastics over the precise number of dropped 9-1-1 calls, the LAPPL urges the LAPD to engage in more valuable exercises, such as answering the phone and working towards there being no dropped 9-1-1 calls. Instead of quibbling over how fast the force is hemorrhaging officers, the LAPPL calls on the LAPD to stem the flow and apply the bandage of boosting morale. Instead of harping on about the complexities of measuring rising crime, the LAPPL asks the LAPD to help reduce crime, by putting more officers on the streets.

### Politics of Personalization

I am concerned that rather than addressing its failings, LAPD management persists in projecting its own

politics of personalization onto the actions of the LAPPL. In fact, Chief Parks has come out in one of his messages to the rank and file and said that "the Los Angeles Police Protective League leadership is ultimately responsible for officers' misconduct." This is a ridiculous accusation. We don't manage police officers. The Chief does—doesn't he? More importantly, him saying this does nothing to solve the morale and disciplinary problems at the LAPD or improve safety in Los Angeles.

LAPD management attempts to find conspiracy in compassion, callousness in candor and dubiousness where there is only dismay. Department press releases dismiss the timing of our campaign to improve public safety as "suspect." Of all people, veteran police officers in LAPD management ought to know that having a suspicion is a poor substitute for fact.

While casting aspersions on the candid, well-intentioned comments and suggestions of rank-and-file police officers, the LAPD management seeks to excuse its failings on the grounds that "the issue of dispatcher shortages is a decade-long problem." A decade of failure isn't an excuse; it's a disgrace. Excuses alone will not prevent 9-1-1 calls from continuing to be dropped. As long as the LAPD management whines that "Many children play on the 9-1-1 system," people will be entitled to ask whether by "children," the management is referring to itself.

### The Public Deserves to be Safe

The LAPPL urges improvements in service because the public safety of Los Angeles' residents continues to be at stake. If senior LAPD management is determined to question motivations, perhaps they should ask themselves why they became police officers in the first place, if not to work hard to make their fellow citizens' lives peaceful and secure. This should be our common cause, not cause for dispute.

### Problems With the Astro Radios

We have heard from dozens of officers about the Astro radios, which spontaneously change frequencies, continuously emit loud and disturbing noises and do not allow multiple officers to speak simultaneously with Communications, as well

as a host of other problems. As many of you may have read or heard in the media, we contacted the Chief out of grave concern for the current safety of both LAPD officers and the public. In our letter, we expressed that our hope that the Chief viewed this as an extremely serious problem that must be resolved as soon as possible, before an officer is hurt or killed due to malfunctioning radios.

Unfortunately, Department management dismissed this issue in the media as simply a problem stemming from lack of training. Although training the officers in how to properly use the equipment may be an element contributing to their malfunctions, this does not explain the real problems that we hear from our membership. It is wrong to blame the officers for the problems with the radios. If, as the Department says, the officers do not have the proper training to operate the radios, then why isn't the Department providing it immediately?

### Plan for Improving LAPD Recruitment

As the Department continues to suffer high attrition rates, the League has

proposed a four-point plan for improving recruitment efforts, in an effort to improve public safety and truly protect the residents of Los Angeles. Recently, the Board of Directors offered the following suggestions for the LAPD and city leaders:

Streamline the application process for new recruits—essentially, create a one-stop shop.

Audit LAPD exit interviews to determine the causes of both probationary and non-probationary resignations.

Conduct a best practices study of law enforcement agencies that do not experience problems with recruitment, such as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Develop a partnership between the LAPD and LAPPL to collaborate on recruitment efforts.

We believe that employing these strategies, along with the innovative ad campaign the Department already has in place, will further improve recruitment. Improving recruitment is essential for putting more police officers on the street to help combat ris-

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## CONSENT DECREE CONSEQUENCES ARE ALREADY HERE

BOB BAKER, VICE PRESIDENT

We all want to see our Department turned around and back on the right track. But, at what cost to the rest of us? What consequences must the rank and file suffer in order to return the LAPD to its reputation as a world-class agency?

I am sure that you are all aware that the court monitor has been selected to oversee the implementation of the consent decree. What you may not know, though, is that some of the unintended consequences of the consent decree are already here.

Today, the negative effects of the consent decree are beginning to plague the Narcotics Division – and I am hearing about it on a regular basis from many officers. As a detective who spent 22 years in Narcotics, I have a natural inclination to take great interest in what is happening there and many of the officers in the Division keep in touch with me on a regular basis. I am not happy about what I hear.

Due to management's interpretation of the consent decree, Training Group has taken away critical training from Narcotics Division for Benelli shotguns and AR-15A3 .223 caliber rifles. As a result, Narcotics Division officers can no longer deploy these weapons, which have been critical in protecting officers against heavily armed drug dealers and gang members in hundreds of search warrant entries and clandestine lab take downs for years.

### Weapons Protect Officers and the Public

The Benelli semi-auto shotgun, which

was specifically designed as an entry weapon, was brought to Narcotics Division in 1995 due to its superior handling and capabilities as an entry weapon. The Benelli shotgun was a perfect fit for Narcotics Division, which serves hundreds of search warrants a year. However, due to management's interpretation of the consent decree, Narcotics Division officers have been forced to return to utilizing the more cumbersome, patrol-oriented Remington 870 pump shotgun on search warrant entries.

Additionally, the highly-effective AR-15A3 .223 caliber rifle deployed by the Narcotics Division lab squad has been removed from the field. Clandestine lab operations are routinely conducted in remote locations and heavily guarded by high power automatic weapons. If lab squad officers were to come under attack while investigating one of these locations, they would have to rely solely on their service weapon for defense – obviously, this does not offer them an adequate amount of protection.

The Benelli shotgun and the AR-15A3 rifle were selected for Narcotics Division out of concern for officer safety – which also translates to public safety. Why is safety suddenly secondary to the Department's interpretation of the consent decree? Specialized weapons and specialized tactics require specialized training. Presently, the Department has no such training in place. Clearly, this is ridiculous. We cannot let the consent decree take precedence over officer and

public safety.

Hopefully our city leaders and Michael Cherkasky, who is serving as the court monitor overseeing the implementation of the LAPD consent decree, will review this situation and see the negative consequences of taking away such an important tool from officers. It is for this exact reason that the League asked to be involved in the implementation of the consent decree at the LAPD. Unfortunately, our requests for involvement were denied.

I only hope that tragedy does not result from this situation. I urge those Narcotics officers that have pledged time outside of their work schedules to seek continued training to continue to do so, and in return, I pledge to continue to try to find a resolution to this situation and keep our officers – and the public – safe.

### Things Done Right

Many times in this publication and our public comments, the League points out the shortcomings of Department management as it relates to officer relations and public safety. Since it is our job to protect the rank and file and respond to

their concerns, this attitude is somewhat expected of us.

However, this month I would like to commend Deputy Chief Dave Kalish. From the playbook of former Chief Ed Davis, Deputy Chief Kalish is making efforts to keep in touch and understand the problems and concerns of the rank and file on a regular basis.

The League has heard from a number of members that at least once a month, Chief Kalish takes off his bars and stars for a shift to be the second officer in a patrol unit in one of the divisions in his bureau. The officer he replaces is given the keys to his car to act as Deputy Chief for the shift. At the end of the shift, this officer's only duty is to report to Kalish on how things could be done better in the division.

It is encouraging to see that someone in management is reaching out to the officers at a time when they most need attention and help. The Board congratulates Chief Kalish and hopes that some of his colleagues will take note of his model behavior and make efforts to reconnect with the rank and file soon.

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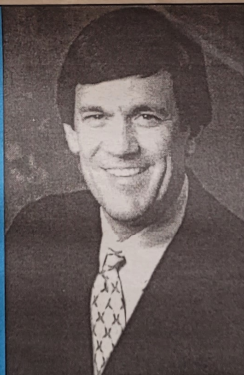
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CLIFF RUFF, SECRETARY

I want to give you a quick update on some pieces of federal legislation of great interest to law enforcement officers.

HR 218 introduced by Congressman Randy Cunningham (R-Cal.) would allow active and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons across state lines. Last year in the 106th Congress, the bill was defeated in the House of Representatives after it was attached to an amendment to HR 2122, the Mandatory Background Checks at Gun Shows Act.

Congressman Cunningham re-introduced HR 218 to the 107th Congress on January 3, 2001, as the "Community Protection Act of 2001." This bill has 139 co-sponsors. On February 12, 2001, the bill was referred to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime. The chairman of that subcommittee is Lamar S. Smith (R-Tex.) and he scheduled HR 218 for a hearing. The bill was subsequently withdrawn and placed in suspense in the subcommittee.

Bob Scully, Executive Director of NAPO researched the matter and learned that the chairman of the full Judiciary Committee, James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.) instructed Lamar Smith to place the bill in suspense, which in effect kills the bill. It is reported that Sensenbrenner does not like the liability and accountability aspects of out-of-state officers carrying weapons in other states. It is reported that Sensenbrenner is independently wealthy and wins his term by 90% in each election. This time there is no leverage to force him to allow the bill to move out of committee. The right to carry weapons is

currently dead in the 107th Congress.

Social Security issues are complicated and most police officers don't think of them because it is so far off for most officers. The Government Pension Offset was instituted in 1977 and it establishes a two-thirds offset for Social Security benefits of spouses or surviving spouses earning government pensions. The other Social Security law is the Windfall Elimination Provision, which greatly reduces your own Social Security benefits if you receive a government pension based on work not covered by Social Security.

On July 25, 2001 Congressman Howard "Buck" McKeon (R-Cal.) introduced HR 2638 which would repeal the Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision. There are two other bills seeking to modify these laws: HR 664 and HR 1073. All of this legislation will have difficulty getting anywhere because if they pass, it will reduce the funding of Social Security. Most legislators know that the system will be in the black for at least fifteen years, so they don't want to face the prospect of raising taxes for Social Security.

One of law enforcement's best friends in the Senate, Joe Biden (D-Del.) introduced, with Orrin Hatch (R-Ut.), Senate Bill 899, which will raise the death benefit for a public safety officer killed in the line of duty from \$151,635 to \$250,000. The companion bill in the House is HR 1744 by Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.).

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### CLEA Lawsuit

Recently I have received information from the membership that a marketing company has been mailing marketing material for cellular phones, pagers, etc., to LAPPL members. The envelopes are marked "LAPPL", and below is the member's name and address. I had our General Counsel investigate this situation, as the League never authorized this mailing. The preliminary investigation found that the California Law Enforcement Association (CLEA), which was the League's long-term disability carrier until May of 2000, apparently gave this marketing company our members' information without authorization. The Board of Directors has immediately authorized civil litigation against CLEA for the improper and unauthorized release of our membership list to a marketing firm. This litigation seeks punitive damages and attorney fees. The Board feels this is a major breach of corporate

and civil laws. I will be updating you in future articles. If any member has received this marketing information please fax it to the League at (213) 251-4566, attention Director Tim Sands.

### League Wins Appeal on Downgrade

The League has always taken the position that if you are downgraded from your advanced paygrade (i.e., D-III to a D-I) that is a property interest and the officer must have a due process hearing. The Department is of the opinion that it is not a property interest and the Administrative Appeals process suffices for the appeal. The Administrative Appeal is not a due process hearing and is only advisory on the Chief of Police. Recently, the League took a case to the Court of Appeal regarding this downgrade issue. The case was:

KELLY A. COOPER v.  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES, et al.

Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, No. B142714  
L.A.S.C. Case No. BS060714

The Court ruled in essence that if an officer is downgraded pursuant to LAPD Manual Section 3/763.60, that downgrade gives rise to a property interest and the officer is entitled to a due process hearing. The Court stated:

"...In our view, Section 763.60 does more than create an entitlement to an administrative appeal process. By providing an officer may suffer a reduction in pay grade for certain specified reasons and under limited certain conditions, Section 763.60 implicitly restricts the Department's authority to initiate a 'reduction in pay grade' to the specified reasons. The limitations Section 763.60 imposes on the Department's ability to act give rise to a property interest subject to due process protections..."

This opinion of the Court of Appeal is a non-published opinion. In other words, it cannot be used as case law for future cases. We are pursuing through the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver, a pub-

lished opinion in other cases so that it would become case law. I will be updating you on any changes in this area.

### New Benefit for the Hartford Long Term Disability Plan

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## PRAYER BANNED AT RECRUIT GRADUATIONS

KEN HILLMAN

At a recent Police Commission meeting, the commissioners voted 3 to 2 in favor of banning public prayer at police recruit graduation ceremonies. Citing several federal cases where the ban on public prayer at high school graduations was upheld by the United States Supreme Court, outgoing Police Commission President Raquelle de la Rocha stated that the same should hold true for recruit graduation ceremonies. In her statements to the public and Department management, she believed that public prayer may be offensive to those who do not believe in God or in gods. In place of public prayer, the Police Commission President recommended a moment of silent reflection.

The Police Clergy were present and retired Police Sergeant Jerry Powell spoke on their behalf. He requested that no decision be made on this issue until a law review is conducted on the differences between a high school graduation and a police graduation. In the interim,

he requested that clergy training be conducted to ensure that prayers offered at these ceremonies are general in nature so as not to offend anyone in attendance.

I also spoke on the issue in support of prayer. I pointed out that high school graduations and police graduations are infinitely different. We are not asking high school graduates to leave the ceremony and then put their life on the line for their community and country. But we do ask this of our recruits, many of whom have fallen on their first night of duty. The general prayers offered at recruit graduations are given to ask divine protection for our officers and to prepare them for the uncertainties that lies ahead. This issue is not over and may be challenged by our police clergy members. However, during the interim, I would ask those of you who do pray to continue praying for the safety of the men and women who protect this City on a daily basis.

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## OFFICERS WORK JUST FINE, IT'S THE RADIOS THAT DON'T WORK

TED HUNT

In 1992 the voters passed a bond issue to purchase a brand new radio communications system.

A couple of years ago, there was a big firestorm in City Hall over which company and what system was going to create the "NEW" communications system. The "then" City Council bowed to the "expertise" of LAPD management and voted for a system that today doesn't work. And they were told that it would not work.

People who understand communications systems explained it this way and in non-technical terms. There were two companies competing for the LAPD contract — Motorola and Ericsson (formerly GE).

The Motorola system was based on and used analog technology as the "foundation" of its new digital radio system. That was like trying to translate English into German by using a Chinese dictionary. The systems just wouldn't mesh. Also, the Motorola system could not be expanded or built upon except by Motorola. And finally, management was told that the Motorola system cost \$20 million more than its competition.

On the other hand, the Ericsson people

said that a digital radio system MUST be built upon a digital "foundation" and their system was designed from the ground up. Digital on digital, the newest technology. It was translating English into German using an English into German dictionary.

The City Council and the Department were advised that Motorola's proposal would lead to the kinds of problems that we are experiencing in our radio system today. The radio system isn't working.

I don't care who gets the contract as long it is given to the people who will provide the best product and service at a reasonable price.

And I do care when rank-and-file officers are given a bunch of junk that endangers their lives.

I care when the people of Los Angeles are soaked financially and their safety is put at risk due to an inferior radio communications system.

I get really angry when the officers get blamed while the people who made the decision to buy the system, the old City Council or the management of LAPD, hide and point fingers at the lowest person on the totem pole. Instead of honor-

ing patrol cops for the heroic things they do every day, we get the blame for management incompetence.

The radios don't work. It's the fault of the patrol officers. They don't need training. They need radios that work.

But like so many other things at LAPD, management made ANOTHER bonehead decision (eliminating CWS, the 1.28 system, removing FTO's, and now the radios system) that has cost the City a fortune and delivered a dysfunctional outcome.

We have a Department that is in collapse. It is crumbling before our very eyes while those in charge focus on

things like eliminating prayer from Academy graduations.

The syndrome of burying one's head in the sand seems to be pervasive in L.A. Officers don't need training in how to operate the new radio. The darn things don't. They need radios that work. And management was told they wouldn't work before the contract was awarded.

But it really doesn't matter. LAPD management knows better. After all, if management screws up, they can always hold a press conference and blame it on patrol officers and detectives.

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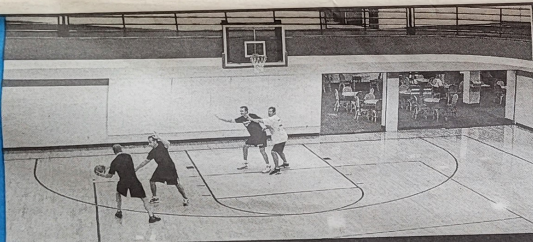
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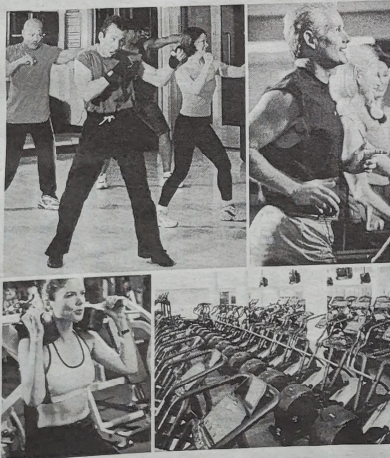
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## YOU COULD BE KILLED

DON LINT

I understand the need for us to be friendlier with the community we serve but there is a time and a place for everything.

We have been under siege from the ultra liberal side of our society for years and things really turned a corner for them in the wake of Rodney King. The idea of enforcing the law and putting bad guys in jail has changed significantly in the past few years, and some of that has been for the better, but what concerns me the most is not you putting bad guys in jail, but you going home to your family and friends at end of watch.

So how does this change in the way we do our job affect your safety? It's all about your mindset. We are first and foremost, the warriors sent out into the streets daily to "Protect and Serve" to keep this city and citizens safe from the criminal element that exists. We have been training in recent years to be a kinder and gentler police department. **WRONG!** That thinking could get you killed. When you are so concerned about

the possible lawsuit or personnel complaint that might occur if you take action, your name might be waiting to be added to the wall at the Police Memorial.

I just attended a conference where Lawrence N. Blum, PhD. was speaking. The topic was "How Cops Live and Why They Die." I have heard him speak before but it has never hit me the way it did this time. He spoke about officers reactions to life threatening situations and it is all stuff that we should all know, but there is much more to staying alive than just reacting to a situation. It starts a long time before something life threatening occurs and much of what the outcome will be has to do with your working conditions.

I often hear that my articles are too negative. Fair enough, I could be rosier in my outlook, but not at the expense of your life. I believe that many of the current management policies put you in danger of being killed because you will not be thinking about staying safe but will have that constant thought of the

pending Internal Affairs investigation. At the very instant that a suspect becomes uncooperative, are you thinking about "take charge" of this situation or are you thinking, "How can I de-escalate this situation?" If your thought is "how can I de-escalate this situation" your next thought might be "I'm walking into the light." Never lose sight of where you are and what you are doing. If you are on duty, conducting police business, focus on that so your personal safety is never compromised. Again, there is a time and place for everything and we can be the nicest people in the world after we have control of a given situation.

This is a dangerous profession and we should all understand that. Most of us are subjected to possible life threatening situations, daily. With that in mind, sooner or later a situation involving you is likely to happen. Are you prepared for that confrontation? Are you the individual that is too tired to work out after working or you have any number of excuses for avoiding an unpleasant task? That is a trained response and in a life threatening confrontation your brain will react just the way that it was trained to react. Dr. Blum used our own Stacy Lim as an example of the mindset needed to win and survive such a confrontation but it evidently was not simply her academy training that gave her ultimate victory after being viciously attacked, but the way she lived her life. She was in good physical shape and she was involved with athletic competition. The mindset of winning had been a trained response and she was victorious.

I encourage everyone to get Dr. Blum's book titled "Force Under Pressure." It might save your life. Remember you are no good to anyone except the bad guy if you are dead.

## Eagle And Badge Foundation

I am happy to announce the formation of the Eagle and Badge Foundation. Your delegates have been given the emblems and I.D. cards that go with them. This foundation was the brainchild of Dennis Zine and Ted Hunt and after several years it is finally coming into being. Arthur M. Kassel has been appointed as the President by unanimous decision of the Board of Directors. This Foundation is to benefit children of officers and the community we serve. We will raise funds for scholarships and catastrophic illness where funds through traditional means are not available. If you look at our center spread it is about one of our member's child, named Jake. Jake is in need of a specially trained dog and they are attempting to raise the money to have the dog trained. This Foundation would have the means to pay for the dog that they need.

The Eagle and Badge Foundation is taken from the CHP's 1199 Foundation, which benefits CHP officers and families on levels that no other organization has been able to accomplish. The Eagle and Badge Foundation will be supported through donations, memberships and fundraising efforts. We hope to have our first annual event in November.

Remember there is a time and place for everything. This will be the time and place to show the community that you really do care, as we will be especially focused on scholarship outreach to our members' children and children in the community. I will give you more details as they come out. If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please call me at the League or e-mail me: Donlint@lcppl.org



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PETER REPOVICH

For more than 150 years, the Los Angeles Police Department has been committed to protecting the life and property of its citizens. Each member of our department has been challenged to work long and hard in improving the quality of police service. The Board of Directors has been working to improve the overall picture when it comes to public safety and the working conditions of all our members. We also recognize that rank-and-file officers and the general public are deeply concerned about:

- the rising crime rate in Los Angeles
- the demise of the community policing programs
- the proposed jail closures – which will have the negative effect of keeping our officers off of the streets longer in order to transport arrestees to other jails
- any number of dropped 911 calls
- the high attrition rate and low morale of officers at the LAPD
- the unreliability of LAPD officers' radios, which poses a threat to officer and public safety
- the disciplinary system at the LAPD

On a daily basis, your Board of Directors reminds elected officials, the public and members of the media that the members of the LAPD are committed to improving the quality of life in

the City of Los Angeles in partnership with the community utilizing courtesy and respect.

### An Important Component of the LAPPL: Reserve Officers

When Los Angeles Police Protective League members think about our organization, many think of the membership as simply full-time sworn police officers. They are missing an important component to both our force and our membership, LAPD Reserve Officers.

What makes our Reserve Officers so valuable to us is the fact that they are genuinely concerned members of the community who volunteer time outside of your busy schedules to train in the same way full-time sworn officers do and perform many of the same functions we perform. Today, the LAPD Reserve program has doctors, nurses, pilots, graphic artists, business professionals and busy executives among its ranks.

Born out of the need for officers in the wake of the large number of drafted soldiers during World War II, the Reserve Officer program was established in when the LAPD turned to the community to partially solve the shortage of regular officers. During the post-war years, the newly organized Police Reserve Corps grew to a strength of 2,500 officers.

At that time, Reserve Officers provided their own equipment and worked together or were paired with regular officers. As the strength of the LAPD increased in the late 1940s, however, the need for Reserve Officers became less critical. In 1950, the role of Reserve Officers was drastically changed. Reserve Officers were relegated to such duties as traffic direction and crowd control at civic events such as parades and movie premieres. As a result, membership decreased.

Beginning in 1968, the Department developed a new concept for the revitalization of its reserve forces. Benefits resulting from the adoption of the new proposals would be threefold: a decrease in crime; augmentation of the strength of the Department's field force; and, of paramount importance, the program would provide an opportunity for concerned citizens to become directly involved with the LAPD.

It was at this time that the basic requirements for Reserve Officers – written/essay test, oral interview, medical exam, background interview/investigation (and an addition psychological exam and interview and physical ability test for line reserves) – were established. In 1979, the City added two new reserve officer classifications: the technical reserve officer and the specialist reserve officer. These reforms remain in existence to this very day.

Today there are more than 900 active Reserve Officers with the LAPD, the largest Police Department Reserve Unit in California. The LAPD's Reserve Officers are the finest in the nation. Our Reserves are represented in a variety of departmental assignments, including patrol, air support, vice and gang suppression details. They truly help the

LAPD provide superior police protection, especially as crime has increased over the years and the demand for police services has intensified. Reserve Officers also provide an additional benefit to sworn officers, outside of serving as partners and performing some of the same functions they do: helping them receive much-deserved, but hard to get, days off. I know we are all indebted to Reserve Officers for this service.

Reserve Officers also offer sworn officers insight into the attitudes and opinions of members of the community. They are effective spokespeople in our neighborhoods; at work and in other organizations, with which they are involved, serving as law enforcement advocates on the LAPD's behalf.

It is for all of these reasons that we value the Reserve Officers who have chosen to join the LAPPL. For those who are not yet members, Reserve Officers can join the LAPPL for \$60 a year. In exchange, they:

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We are honored to have you Reserve Officers as colleagues at the LAPD – and encourage them to become members of the LAPPL. We are grateful to them for being concerned and active members of our community. On behalf of all full-time officers, I thank our Reserve force for working unselfishly to make Los Angeles safer and the LAPD a stronger department.



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## A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

### Court of Appeal Holds That Officers Have Property Interest in Advanced Pay Grades

On July 16, 2001, Division Seven of the Second Appellate District of the Court of Appeal issued a ruling in *Kelly Cooper v. City of Los Angeles, et al., case no. B142714*, which will be of greatest long-term significance to the League and all of its members who have been, or will be, downgraded from advanced pay grade positions by the Chief of Police. This was a League-funded case which was assigned to the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver for litigation.

Prior to the *Cooper* decision, the Chief of Police has made it a constant and highly unfair practice of downgrading and transferring officers from advanced pay grade positions simply on the basis of allegation(s) of misconduct. These downgrades normally take effect way before the allegation(s) of misconduct is finally adjudicated. The personnel end result to downgraded officers is the immediate loss of income to them and their families. Another onerous result of this unfair practice by the Chief is the refusal by Department management to acknowledge that downgraded officers have a property right in their advanced pay grade positions and, as a result, they are entitled to an administrative appeal that satisfies the due process constitutional requirements. Instead, management keeps taking the position that officers are entitled to advance pay only if they hold an advanced pay grade position designated as such in the City's Administrative Code, and as a result, the only hearing required for downgraded officers is the one unilaterally implemented by the Chief of Police, which of course we at the League have argued loudly that such hearings are invalid in

these cases because they are not binding on the Chief, the Department has no burden of proof, and they are not conducted by a neutral factfinder.

In addition to the financial hardship to downgraded officers, management has also caused undue mental distress to many of these officers because many of them have eventually been found factually innocent of all charges by Boards of Rights, but the Chief of Police refuses to reassign them and restore them to their original pay grades. Even in cases where suspensions have been imposed on downgraded officers, none have been restored to their former pay grade, which in our view amounts to double punishment without adequate due process. Such was the case of Detective Kelly Cooper.

In late December 1997, Cooper was accused of off duty misconduct. After the incident, he continued to performed his duties as a senior Detective II in a Homicide Unit. During the absences of his supervisor, the Detective III Homicide Coordinator, it was Cooper who stepped up to the plate and performed the Coordinator's duties and received several commendations while doing so. In March 1998, the Department formally notified Cooper of its intentions to discipline him for the 1997 off duty incident. A Board of Rights was set to hear the case during February 1999, more than a year since the off duty incident had occurred. What was very shocking and disappointing to Cooper and his family was the fact that despite his loyal dedication and commitments to his duties, on January 5, 1999, Cooper received a memorandum from his commanding officer, Captain Bill Sweet, indicating that the Department intended to downgrade and reduce Cooper's pay from Detective II to Detective I pursuant to LAPD Manual section 3763.60 based on the off duty

incident of 1997. This was done despite the fact that Cooper's Board of Rights was still pending its hearing to hear the case. The Board of Rights eventually found Cooper guilty and imposed a suspension, however, the Chief of Police also downgraded Cooper despite the fact that the Board of Rights did not make such a recommendation. In our view, Cooper had thus suffered a double punishment without due process for an off duty incident. We at the League assisted Cooper in filing and requesting an administrative appeal of his downgrade which satisfied our notions of due process. The Department denied our request as in many other downgrade and reduction of pay cases.

In a petition for writ of mandate in the Superior Court, we challenged the downgrade on behalf of Cooper alleging double punishment, violation of public policy, and lack of a due process administrative appeal. The trial court granted the petition in part only. It ordered the Department to conduct an administrative hearing and determined that Cooper was indeed entitled to back pay for all but sixty days of the period in which the reduction in pay grade had been in effect. The court denied the petition in all other respects. Not being totally satisfied with the trial court's ruling, the League's Board of Directors authorized an appeal to the Court Of Appeal. The City cross-appealed.

We are very pleased to inform you that the Court of Appeal correctly concluded the Cooper has a property interest in his pay grade arising from Manual section 3763.60. According to the Court, an officer cannot be reassigned to a lower pay grade arbitrarily without cause. To suffer a reassignment, the Court said, the officer must demonstrate a failure to satisfactorily perform the duties of the pay grade position, be counseled regarding the poor performance and be afforded an opportunity to improve. Only after the officer "continues to demonstrate a failure to satisfactorily perform" can the supervisor institute proceedings to downgrade the officer. The Court went on to say that the "exception" to Manual section 3763.60 likewise imposes restrictions upon the Chief of Police or other Department decision maker. To invoke the exception the officer must "clearly demonstrate [sic] failure or inability to perform" his or her duties, and the performance failure must "indicate the need for immediate reassignment". By providing that an officer may suffer a reduction in pay grade for certain specified reasons and under limited conditions, section 3763.60 implicitly restricts the Chief of Police's authority to initiate a "reduction in pay grade" to the specified reasons, the Court held. Lastly, perhaps the most significant pronouncement by this Court was as follows, "The Limitations Section 763.60 imposes on the Department's ability to act rise to a property interest subject to due process protections."

Based on the *Cooper* decision, we at the League, through our panel attorneys, will certainly make every effort to assert that the Department and the City are collaterally estopped from relitigating this issue in any subsequent proceeding, including all of the other many "downgrade" cases.

What is equally important in the *Cooper* decision is a portion of the Opinion where the Court discusses the nature of the administrative appeal that the Department must provide in "downgrade" cases. Of interest is the statement by the Court that: "[I]f the appeal procedures established by the Department are judged against the due process requirements of Government Code section 3304, subdivision (b)." One of those attributes is described by the Court's Opinion, at page 14, as the obligation to afford "an evidentiary hearing before a neutral factfinder."

Our sincere congratulations to our panel attorney Stephen H. Silver for a great job in this case, and to Kelly Cooper and his family for having the patience and faith that soon we would prevail on their behalf.

### Policing Off

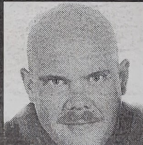
With the end of summer closing in soon, it might be time for LAPD officers to review some of the lessons your fellow officers have learned during another exciting summer policing the great City of Los Angeles. Gathered in a non-scientific manner from grievances, commendation entries, notices to correct, personnel complaints, and decisions by Boards of Rights, here are some situations you'll definitely want to avoid.

- Don't convince yourself that the tactics training that you have received from the Department has sufficiently prepared you to properly deal with all the hostilities you encounter during each on duty day. Good tactics never prevent a 1.28 personnel complaint.
  - Don't have the first nice encounter you have with a person in the streets during a duty day diminished by the shock that this same person called the 1-800 number behind the business card you gave him/her and made a complaint against your facial expressions. The 1-800 number only accepts complaints, not commendations.
  - Don't park your police car after dark in an isolated parking lot so your partner can catch up on a report or the DFER. You may face a 1.28 personnel complaint for parking in a handicapped parking stall.
  - Don't forget to tie off your duty shoes tightly before you go in foot pursuit of a suspect. Of course, if you trip and fall, you can certainly try and avoid a 1.28 personnel complaint for failure to anticipate your fall.
  - Don't trust your response to an "OK 7" request for a quick meal break. A 1.28 personnel complaint for grabbing a bite out of your assigned break will cost you more than the two tacos you had.
  - Don't test the "waterproof" and "unsinkable" claims of your new handheld radio by one of your peers by dropping it in MacArthur Park Lake without first trying it in a bucket. But don't be tempted to let the radio drown in the bucket because it doesn't work anyway. You will likely be sent back to the Academy for proper training on the use of the radio.
  - Don't forget to verify that the entire crew working on a construction project at your home understands English well. Otherwise, when you suggest to the foreman that a "wet vac" should be used to dry a water leak messing your carpet, you may face a 1.28 personnel complaint for improper remarks alleging that you kept referring to the workers as "wet backs".
  - Don't assume that the small "car repair" kit you carry in your duty bag will protect you against a sustained preventable T/A. Especially when you try to repair the damage to your black and white in an isolated commercial parking lot with a monitoring security video camera recording your lack of body and fender training.
  - Just like an experienced blackjack player who hits a 12 when the dealer's showing 16, don't ignore a warning by the RTO that a suspect may be armed because you have a "hunch". That is unless you enjoy barely getting by without a scratch with a little help from the Metro SWAT team.
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## WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemanson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

—John Donne

By the time you read this, two major changes in the way we do business will be in effect. The first is the League's new legal program. The second is the start of attorney roll outs to represent officers in critical incidents investigated by the newly formed Critical Incidents Investigation Division. Both of these changes reflect the concern that the League has over the constant attack LAPD officers are under from all segments of our society.

### The New Legal Plan

Under the new Charter, the voters eliminated your right to a paid on-duty defense representative at Boards of Rights. The exact details have not been worked out yet as I write this, but, in general, the League will be providing attorneys for every officer ordered to a Board of Rights, probably if the case was initiated after May 2, 2001. Our concern was that you are represented by attorneys that have had experience with the peculiar disciplinary system we have on LAPD. To that end, the League's panel attorneys will be drawn on to provide the defense. The Legal Program will also provide attorneys for opted Boards of Rights if the officer chooses to go down that road. In the alternative, the League will reimburse the officer for up to five penalty days. An Enhanced Plan reimbursing the officer for up to twenty-two penalty days will also be offered. The Enhanced Plan also has some extra features for personnel complaint interviews and Skelly responses that in today's LAPD make a lot of sense. Contact the League for details at 866-LAPPL4U.

Looking down the road, I think that the Board of Rights' system is probably in its last days. The constant interference in the discipline process by Department management to tilt an already management-favored process even further in management's favor has destroyed trust in the system. The new mayor is proposing a civilian review process similar to the sheriff's system. The idea is to get the captains, who now spend a significant amount of their time sitting on Boards, back to the divisions and give the officers a system where the trier of fact does not work for the Chief. The new legal plan, of course, will cover you for whatever system replaces the current Board of Rights system.

### Roll Outs

The Consent Degree paid a lot of attention to what it called Categorical

Uses of Force. It recommended creating a whole new division to look at these cases. In fact, a lot of reconfiguration is going on. The District Attorney, for instance, has formed a section of prosecutors whose full time job is to look at the uses of force and other things that officers are involved in to see if there is a prosecutable case. The Consent Decree has resulted in the hiring of an entire PI firm detailed to monitor implementation of the Consent Decree for the Federal Judge. The FBI has several open criminal civil rights investigations. If all this expenditure of tax money doesn't result in LAPD officers going to jail, there is going to be political hell to pay.

Therein lies the danger. No one at the League has any problem with all of these prosecutorial and monitoring agencies falling like a ton of bricks on any officer that steals dope, commits robberies, plants evidence or frames people. But what if LAPD isn't as bad as the *Los Angeles Times* says it is? There won't be enough bad cops to go around to satisfy the recap needs of all these different entities. Well, as we all know, the pressure for recap results in what is known as "hummers." It is the protection of our members from "hummers" that has inspired the League to change its policy and send an attorney to all incidents to which the Critical Incidents Investigative Division responds. This isn't a criticism of the investigators who are assigned to this division. Our experience with them has been favorable. They have a job to do and they do it with fairness and professionalism. It is the use of many entities and individuals want to make of these investigations dictated by their various political and personal goals that is dangerous to justice.

Government, like water, follows the path of least resistance. If it is easy to use the investigation to file a "hummer" prosecution for recap purposes and to satisfy the ever watchful press and get a few headlines, then that is what will happen. If it is easy to file a "hummer" civil lawsuit and pick up some easy settlement money, then that is what will happen. If it is easy to charge an officer with a "hummer" administrative charge to show the Chief how tough on discipline you are, then that is what will happen.

It is getting really complicated out there on the street and the League wants to give you as much help as possible. You no longer have to just worry about the use of force itself. For instance, you need to worry about whether your probable

cause to detain someone is strong enough. Some prosecutor (even five years later) could decide that it wasn't and charge you with a criminal civil rights violation. If serious injury or death resulted from the detention, even if not related to the reason for the detention, a prosecutor could decide that you should be charged with a felony that could carry as much as the death penalty. That is why they want you to make statements that are voluntary. It makes a prosecution easier. That is why we think you need an attorney.

That attorney is usually me or Hank Hernandez, General Counsel for the League, if you shoot someone and hit them, someone dies in your custody, or, as the result of a pursuit, there is a death. In all other cases, the attorneys will be Larry Hanna and Gary Fullerton. Larry has done many cases in the disciplinary system for the League and has rolled on many officer involved shootings when Hank and I were off call. So has Gary. Gary has the additional advantage of being a retired LAPD officer and a former Director of the League. I welcome both to our team. They can now ponder the two unanswerable questions that have plagued me for the last six years. Why do most of the roll outs happen in the wee hours of the morning and does a full moon really cause officer involved shootings?

### Leftovers

Two unrelated things should be mentioned in passing that should make you hear *warning bells*.

The first is assault rifles. You may not have been paying attention, but if you possess certain types of assault rifles that have not been registered, you are committing a felony. The registration deadline has passed and there is no

provision for a late registration. Destruction or surrender of the weapon to a law enforcement agency is the only recognized way out of being a felon. I only mention this because that collector's item in your gun closet could become a big headache someday. You may not even consider the weapon an assault rifle, but if the State of California does, that casual conversation you are having about your great weapon collection may be in a search warrant affidavit for your house. Check it out at <http://caag.state.ca.us/firearms/> if you have any questions on this issue.

The second is statements to criminal defense investigators, either private investigators or public defender investigators. Those telephone interviews and informal meetings with these investigators, from the criminal defense attorneys point of view, are not meant to find the truth. They are meant to benefit the defendant. That means that the primary purpose of the interview is to find impeachment material to use against you in court. Furthermore, it is the investigators' interpretation of what you say that ends up in declarations and impeachment testimony attacking the prosecutor's case. Another possibility is the issuance of a personnel complaint alleging that a report was inaccurate or testimony was false by the defendant or his representatives based on their interpretation of your interview. Internal Affairs will be happy to investigate and the defense attorney can probably get it into evidence in front of the jury that you are under investigation for credibility problems by your own department. Beware.

Be legally careful out there.

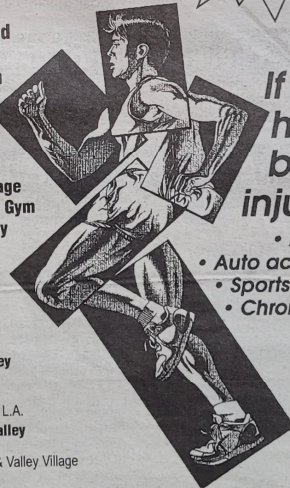
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

I find it interesting that an "officer" from this department would tout his military experience as a paratrooper, make the ridiculous suggestion that the LAPD Jail Division be disbanded, necessitating booking of all arrestees at Twin Towers, and then not have the guts to ascribe his name to the letter.

Leaving the discussion for the moment as to what Chief Parks is doing to this department for others to discuss, the allegations that the department would be better served by booking arrestees at Twin Towers is absurd! Can anyone really expect that officers from say West or Valley Bureau divisions would be better served by driving 25 to 30 miles to downtown L.A. for booking, rather than in their own jail facilities? Whoever this "anonymous officer" is, one could surmise that he is bucking for a job on Chief Park's staff!

As has been happening through the attrition rate to the rank and file of sworn officers within the LAPD, so too

has there been a serious attrition rate for the civilian ranks within Jail Division. The difference is that the department is making every effort possible to recruit sworn officers to the department, and very little effort in recruiting into the support services of the department, such as jail division. We in Jail Division are suffering with the need to do more with less, just as you folks on the sworn side of the equation.

This situation has come about because Chief Park's has a seriously flawed plan in which he wants to close all of the "divisional jails" and have his officers book into regional facilities. This insanity was attempted in the early 1970s, with absolutely dismal results. The average time it took to book arrestees at centralized facilities was around 2-1/2 hours. That's not including the time officers had to spend writing their reports for each arrest. That is a considerable amount of time to be unavailable to handle calls for service from the communities we all serve.

Those officers assigned to geographic divisions that have jail facilities within know that it takes considerably less time to book their arrestees into local facilities than it does to drive several miles away to regional facilities, absent medical problems of the arrestee. These officers also know that while at their local jail facility, they are available to respond in a timely manner to emergent calls for service, or requests for assistance from fellow officers in the field. There is no disputing of these facts!

I have worked in the jails of this department for over 20 years. In that time I have enjoyed the camaraderie that is necessary between the sworn and civilian rank and file of this department to get the job done. Have there been situations wherein there has been disagreement between the sworn and civilians as to proper procedures to be followed? Of course there has. But I have found, with the officers with whom I have engaged in such discussion, that there was still a level of respect between us that was maintained. Let's face it, folks, we are all "employees." We have different jobs and duties, but we are both working toward the same goal, serving the community!

Jail Division is an integral and necessary part of this department! There is a considerable amount of man years of experience within Jail Division. One only need look at the way in which the LASO maintains jail facilities in all of their divisional stations. They realize that it is the most cost effective way to maintain custody of arrestees, and still serve the communities they police. Every new Sheriff's Station built has a jail facility within. For this reason, the Chief's plan to close divisional jails is shown to be ridiculous!

Many of us in Jail Division have suggested a number of ways in which we can streamline our operation to better support officers in the field. It is a battle we have been waging for quite a while. Such ideas include a Transportation Unit within Jail Division that could handle transporting arrestees that need medical attention, or possibly transport your arrestees for booking from the field. Even members of the City Council that have heard this suggestion have stated it has merit. Unfortunately, the Department management has been stonewalling this and many other suggestions we have made.

It is well past the time that the civilian and sworn ranks of the Department come together and work toward service to the community. We need to support each other in our common goals and endeavors. We do not need to have "anonymous" officers slighting each other with mindless prattle such as disbanding Jail Division.

Kevin B. Noonan  
Principal Detention Officer  
Operations Jail Section  
Jail Division  
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Letters to the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letters printed in the July issues of the Blue Line about Sgt. Ralph Gillette and Det. James Steele.

Unfortunately, I never had the privilege of working with either of them or heard any of the "Ralph Gillette" stories. I am sure that there are many stories to

be told about a lot of our predecessors that will never be heard unless, of course, when they die, a partner writes a letter to the Blue Line. Too bad someone doesn't collect all of these stories for a book while the officers are still alive to capture all of details. Any retired LAPD authors out there?

Phil's comments about being forgotten after you retire from the Department seem to be right on track. Unless you stay in contact with other retirees, you could lose touch with the Department real easy, especially if you move out of state. The Blue Line is our only link to the Department and other officers. I look forward to receiving my copy of the Blue Line every month. Since my LAPD retirement, I have worked for another police department in Montana and have proudly showed off my copy of the Blue Line to the officers. They were in awe about all of the information that is disseminated through our "newsletter" on a monthly basis.

It's sad to think that after you put in 20-30 years of your life with the LAPD that when the time comes for you to die, that all you'll get is your name, rank and serial number published in the Blue Line EOW column.

I would like to thank Phil Hanf and the other unknown officer for taking the time to write their letters about Ralph Gillette and Jimmie Steele so others can connect a story of their lives next to their names in the EOW column.

Hopefully, this will inspire others to write about other officers who will be "gone but not forgotten."

Alan Hovious  
Billings, Montana  
E-mail: retbcme@yahoo.com

Dear Editor:

Our son committed suicide. Those words are as hard to read as they are to say, but unfortunately they are the truth. Although Geno was on LAPD for only seven-and-a-half years, he had a career that most officers don't have in a lifetime.

He had numerous life threatening situations that left him damaged physically, mentally and emotionally, but he was dealing with the results of his injuries. What he wasn't dealing with was the callousness and lack of respect given to officers by LAPD's governing body. He was having a hard time accepting the coward's way in which LAPD sacrificed their officers to the media and political groups. He was having a hard time accepting the chief's policy of taking complaints no matter how ridiculous they are.

Geno had the utmost respect for the job and was a dedicated policeman. He thought everyone else should be also and had no tolerance for personal agendas. He felt that anyone who puts their life on the line every day should not have to endure petty complaints that put untold stress on officers. I don't want to make Geno sound like he was always unstable and out of balance. He wasn't. He became cynical after realizing that the people in charge cared little about doing what's right.

The LAPD of today is very different from yesteryear. Geno's father was on the department for almost 30 years. We tried to discourage Geno from joining

## END OF WATCH



NAME: Charles G. Palmer #4055  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: A.I.D.  
BORN: August 12, 1915  
APPOINTED: February 4, 1946  
RETIRED: July 22, 1973  
DIED: February 4, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Wayne K. Thurston #3631  
RANK: Investigator III  
ASSIGNED TO: OVB  
BORN: November 10, 1918  
APPT: September 23, 1946  
RETIRED: April 3, 1973  
DIED: February 6, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Jack O. Carter #7091  
RANK: Lieutenant I  
ASSIGNED TO: AID  
BORN: September 9, 1923  
APPT: October 12, 1953  
RETIRED: May 30, 1981  
DIED: June 5, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Carl E. Gaddis #5724  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Personnel  
BORN: April 21, 1921  
APPT: June 28, 1948  
RETIRED: December 14, 1958  
DIED: June 28, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Mark W. Ford #10730  
RANK: Investigator III  
ASSIGNED TO: BAD  
BORN: February 19, 1932  
APPT: February 6, 1961  
RETIRED: January 6, 1983  
DIED: July 11, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Daniel Andrews #16397  
RANK: Detective III  
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire  
BORN: November 14, 1946  
APPT: November 2, 1970  
RETIRED: January 12, 1999  
DIED: August 3, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Homer A. Spear, Jr. #5674  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: TED  
BORN: July 7, 1917  
APPT: May 27, 1948  
RETIRED: September 23, 1968  
DIED: July 18, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert R. Beans #10177  
RANK: Sergeant I  
ASSIGNED TO: Central  
BORN: February 18, 1935  
APPT: October 27, 1958  
RETIRED: September 29, 1979  
DIED: July 18, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Harworth H. Brown #7680  
RANK: Investigator III  
ASSIGNED TO: Narcotics  
BORN: March 16, 1932  
APPT: October 1, 1956  
RETIRED: October 1, 1976  
DIED: July 21, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: John H. Crowley #6213  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire  
BORN: April 22, 1923  
APPT: May 1, 1949  
RETIRED: February 1, 1976  
DIED: July 26, 2001

★ ★ ★

NAME: Leonard L. Simeone #5537  
RANK: Sergeant I  
ASSIGNED TO: Juvenile  
BORN: May 12, 1923  
APPT: April 26, 1948  
RETIRED: July 17, 1968  
DIED: August 2, 2001



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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LAPD because it was so different from when his father went on, but he wanted to be part of (in his mind) "the finest." His view changed.

The reason for this letter is to open people's eyes to the damage being done to LAPD's officers. We have watched other officers go through stressful investigations, trial boards and firings because LAPD is running scared. On top of the job's demands you add the problems of everyday life and it is scary to think that there might be other "Genos" out there who are ready to snap because life becomes unbearable.

I am sure there are a number of you who have taken offense to my words because you have the same ideals as Geno. I am in no way implying there are no good supervisors or good officers. But everyone in a policeman's life has an influence over that officer's well being. I want you to evaluate that influence and make sure you are doing right by them. I want to see, starting with the Chief down to supervision, backing officers instead of taking the "safe" route. I want to see the LAPD family alive and well.

We are still questioning "Why?" But some of the answers are in the slow deterioration of our old Geno and we knew his change was not for the best. It was sad to see someone so full of life become so angry. We only pray that his death will change people and maybe LAPD can regain some of its pride and recover some of its past glory.

The proud parents of  
Officer Geno Colello,  
Victor and Anita Colello

Dear Editor:

By the article in the paper titled, "LAPD Accused of Suppressing Protest," (Daily News, Aug. 10, 2001), I can see that the "Left Wing Knee Jerking Radicals," better known as the ACLU, are at it again.

If these so-called bleeding hearts of the oppressed, self-appointed leaders who think they are helping to clear a path for true justice would open their eyes, then they wouldn't have gone ahead and filed a lawsuit against the battered LAPD who were doing their job in suppressing a full and open war with the protestors.

If the ACLU's staff attorney, Dan Tokaji, wants to go about quoting what's above the Constitution and what's not above the Constitution, then where does it say in the Constitution people have a right to riot, burn property, physically destroy a car agency, and many of the family owned shops around Staples Center? Maybe Mr. Tokaji is reading a different Constitution than the one we use here in this country.

I, like many others, watched what went on at Staples, and when you're told by the authorities that this is an illegal assembly due to what was going on, the fires that were started, police cars turned over, and to leave the area, that's what you do. You don't stop and pick up rocks, bottles, and whatever you can find to toss at the police to cause bodily harm.

The police did what had to be done to put a stop to the protestors, and avoid having a full-blown riot on their hands.

Benjamin R. Laufer

Letter to the Blue Line Editor:

I would like to first thank you for allowing me to address the men and

women of the Los Angeles Police Department through your publication. I am writing to you on behalf of all the working officers of the Los Angeles Housing Authority Police Department in order to offer our most sincere apology for the comments made by our Director of Public Safety, Raymond Palacios, in a Los Angeles Times news article released on Tuesday, August 7, 2001.

In the article ("Crime Rises 21% 1 Public Housing Projects as Police Patrols Decline"), reference was made to an incident which took place in the Jordan Downs Housing Project on Sunday, August 5, 2001. The article stated that during an arrest being made by LAPD officers, a hostile crowd of approximately 70 to 80 people gathered and began to throw rocks and bottles at the officers.

When interviewed by the Los Angeles Times, Mr. Palacios stated the officers from the Housing Authority Police Department would not have had the same problems if they responded to the incident because the officers know most of the residents. We disagree with this representation made by Mr. Palacios. If our officers did respond to the incident and were the primary agency handling the situation, we would have immediately requested the assistance of LAPD upon being confronted by the hostile crowd.

Over the years the Los Angeles Housing Authority Police Department has become heavily dependent on the LAPD to assist us in our efforts of patrolling the often volatile and extremely dangerous areas in and around the housing projects.

The professional and personal relationships we have developed with the LAPD is paramount to our success and ultimate survival. Both of our agencies are understaffed and overburdened and are currently experiencing similar

internal problems. We hope and pray that no member of the Los Angeles Police Department or the Housing Authority Police Department has to make the ultimate sacrifice just to satiate the political or economic aspirations of a few officials.

In Unity,  
Michael Duffy  
President

Dear Tim Sands,

I lost faith in the LAPD Family years ago. I have become a forgotten officer. I gave the City of Los Angeles my all and I received the Medal of Valor (now collecting dust in my closet), a lifetime disability, pain, mountains of stress, and a shaky financial future.

You, on the other hand, do believe in the LAPD Family. You have displayed this to me by taking an active role in securing my disability pension, even though I am retired and carried no vote for you in the League. You showed me that you cared that one of our officers was being abandoned and mistreated.

My pension hearing was held on June 7th. I recently received the facts and findings confirming my pension amount and a non-reviewable status. I know that you, Tim, were instrumental in helping me to receive a fair pension. The letter you wrote to the Chief's Office, as well as, conversations you had with Department personnel really made a difference. On behalf of my family and myself I want you to know that we truly appreciate your assistance and support. Police Officers like you give other officers a reason to believe in the "LAPD Family" and help to restore the faith that has been lost.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth E. Green,  
LAPD Retired

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# POLITICAL FRONTLINE

## Davis Keeps Promises to Police

Promises made have been promises kept.

Four years ago, Gray Davis made promises to the League and its members and he has kept his promises.

Keeping promises is a rare thing for politicians to do. The bitter taste of Dick Riordan still lingers.

Once again we ask you to vote to endorse Gray Davis for Governor. Here are the reasons why.

### Tough Law and Order Governor

Gray Davis promised that if criminals were sentenced to prison, they would do the time. Instead of appointing a bunch of people who know nothing about criminals and the justice system, he appointed line officers just like you to the parole board. The result, if you do the felony crime, you will do the time in prison.

Gray Davis has appointed tough, no nonsense, pro law-and-order judges. They are fair and highly qualified. **Our voice is heard in this area.** A presiding judge, who was appointed by a Republican, said that he is greatly impressed with the high quality of judges appointed by the Davis' team.

Gray Davis shifted state money back to cities and counties in COPS grants. He insisted that the grant money be used to put more officers on the street by hiring new officers and paying for overtime.

Gray Davis has shifted money back to Los Angeles to build a 21st century, state-of-the-art crime lab and also to build a state DNA lab. These very important tools will help detectives solve cases.

### Pay, Benefits and Pensions

Gray Davis promised to sign binding arbitration and he kept his promise. Binding Arbitration means the City can no longer play games with your contract and give ridiculously low offers and then walk away from the bargaining table.

Gray Davis promised to sign legislation raising the state's PERS retirement system to 3 percent per year at 50 years of age, with an 85 percent max, and he kept his promise. PERS is the state's retirement system. It means that if an officer employed by a participating agency started as an officer at 25 years of age, worked 25 years to the age of 50, then he/she could retire at 75 percent.

Gray Davis promised that he will improve PERS pensions by signing legislation to raise the PERS max at 90 percent. The CHP already has a 90 percent max. As soon as the legislation passes, he will keep his promise.

Previous governors have refused to sign these important pension enhancements.

The only reason why the City of Los Angeles is going to improve our pension is due to the fact that the state's PERS system under Gray Davis has had such dramatic improvements.

If it had not been for Gray Davis honoring police officers and fire fighters by signing this significant enhancement to PERS, the City of Los Angeles would have never considered improving our retirement system.

One of the guys who is likely to be Governor Davis's opponent is Dick Riordan. Instead of giving us the same as PERS, Riordan wanted to screw you again and give you 90 percent at 33 years, not 90 percent at 30 years.

We owe the very fact that our retirement system will improve, to Gray Davis signing into law the changes in the state's retirement system.

### Guns and Gun Laws

If guns and gun laws heavily weigh your decision on who to vote for, consider this.

Most of the people and legislators in this state support some form of gun control. Each year hundreds of gun control bills are passed.

In his first year as Governor, Gray Davis vetoed that vast majority of gun bills. He did sign some moderate gun safety bills.

Gray Davis further told the legislature that if they sent him any more gun bills, he would NOT SIGN THEM. He again made and kept a promise. He has subsequently vetoed every gun bill passed by the legislature.

Again, it is very important to consider where Dick Riordan stands. He is the likely candidate to run against Gray Davis. He has a track record of breaking promises to you and turning his back on us when we were in need.

### Electric Cure

In the 12 years before Gray Davis became Governor, NO NEW ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION plants were built.

When the electric deregulation was passed in 1996, there was NO opposition. Every senator and every member of the assembly voted yes on the bill and Governor Wilson signed it. Few believed it would turn out to be the utter disaster that it is.

When Gray Davis became Governor, he immediately began to work on a solution. Since no one had ever had this kind of a problem before, some of the sailing was in uncharted waters. But the results have been stellar. While there have been blackouts in Las Vegas and parts of the east coast, the predicted blackouts in California have not occurred. This is not an accident. That was planning and leadership.

By the end of August, a total of four (4) new major power plants were opened. Thirteen (13) more will be completed by next summer.

Five "peakers" have been opened and more are scheduled to be opened by next summer. "Peakers" are power plants that "kick on" when demand for electricity "peaks."

While Governor Davis did not create the energy problem, he was saddled with solving it. No one had ever faced that kind of a problem before - but through focus and leadership, the energy problem is under control and will be completely solved soon.

### Summary

Governor Davis has often said, "You can't get to the right of me on law enforcement." And he has lived up to his promise.

The great part about supporting Gray Davis is that he combines the firm convictions that you and I have, to be strong on public safety issues, with the pocketbook issues that allow us to have a comfortable lifestyle.

But just as important, when he makes a promise, he keeps it, not like ex-mayor Dick Riordan.

## LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

### Updates on Racial Profiling, Facial Recognition Technology and Other Pocketbook Issues

by Tim Yaryan,  
Legislative Counsel and Advocate

I have some good news to report to you on **AB 788** (Firebaugh), the racial profiling bill that we have been actively opposing. In my column, Racial Profiling, Part II, I enumerated many of the problems with AB 788, including the author's refusal to meet with us. Since that time, there have been several important developments.

□ I had a productive meeting with Mr. Firebaugh. While we remain at significant odds over policy, the author is interested in working with law enforcement and the Police Protective League.

□ We were successful in mounting an aggressive floor fight on the Assembly Floor and we were able to keep this bill from passing to the Senate. AB 788 is now a two-year bill.

□ Most importantly, we were able to get Mr. Firebaugh to **REMOVE ALL THE CIVIL LIABILITY**, including liability to individual officers, the Department, and County. This amendment removes the significant financial threat posed to all our members by the earlier versions of this bill.

I am very pleased with the many positive responses to our opposition lobbying from our friends in the Assembly. Never doubt for a minute the importance of our Political Action Committee. The friendships we develop in endorsing candidates supportive of rank-and-file law enforcement make a huge difference; Latino Caucus Assembly members, such as Lou Correa or Dario Frommer, and other minority Assembly members such as Carol Liu or Judy Chu, stuck with us despite a lot of pressure from the bill's author and bill's proponents.

Another bill which made the top of our oppose list was **SB 169** by Senator Debra Bowen. Once again our friends from the ACLU, who are sponsors of this bill, have decided to try to go after your bank account. Here is an excerpt from the letter of opposition that I recently sent to Senator Bowen concerning her bill dealing with facial recognition technology:

*"As recently amended, SB 169 would require law enforcement officers to get a search warrant in order to use facial recognition software. What this software does is isolate a person's face in a photograph and then converts the facial image into a digital code that could then be run through a database to see if there are any matches for that face. The Los Angeles HIDTA just purchased this software to aid in identifying individuals involved in the narcotics business.*

*As you may know, both the California and United States Supreme Courts have ruled that law enforcement officers do not need a warrant to photo-*

*graph a person when they are in a public place. Furthermore, the California Constitution states that in criminal cases California courts shall not grant defendants any more rights than are recognized under federal law. Yet, under SB 169, if a law enforcement officer used this technology, any evidence derived from its use would be admissible in a court of law; however, the individual officer would be held civilly liable and fined either \$10,000 or \$25,000. To authorize holding a police officer or deputy sheriff civilly liable for compliance with current constitutional law is a permissible state and federal law is horrible policy and precedent."*

SB 169 failed passage in committee and, shortly thereafter, Senator Bowen removed ALL provisions in the bill relating to law enforcement, including both the warrant requirement and ALL OF THE CIVIL LIABILITY provisions. Frankly, I'm surprised and disappointed by Senator Bowen's bill, and I'm sorry that she would carry a bill that would seek to make hard working peace officers, like yourselves, civilly liable for using facial recognition technology - a technology that is lawful, constitutional, permissible, and an important tool for law enforcement. Does she not realize that you are sworn to carry out your lawful duties, and that identifying and catching criminals is at the top of the list?

A third bill to make our oppose list this month, but only briefly, was **SB 177** (Haynes). This bill, when it left the Senate, detailed some new Penal Code requirements regarding seizures of property. Importantly, the bill included a "shield" for peace officers, protecting them from personal liability if the State failed to meet its burden of proof in seizing the contraband property. The Assembly "mock up" version deleted this "shield" until the author and committee received our letter of opposition, and then they promptly added new language again to shield individual officers from liability. The bill was made a two-year bill.

I am disturbed by this apparent new trend to try to set each of you up individually for civil lawsuits. Although AB 788, SB 169, and SB 177 all dealt with differing subjects, each bill had two common elements. First, each attempted to dictate a peace officer's conduct by way of imposing civil liability. Second, each bill was strongly backed by the ACLU. Mere coincidence, perhaps, but my reading of the proverbial "tea leaves" tells me that some ACLU lawyers are looking for early retirement at your expense. I'll do my very best to make sure that the Legislature doesn't let that happen to you. However, now that you know the ACLU's real agenda, consider this a "heads up" and make sure that you don't let a civil suit happen to you!

Until my next column, stay safe!

## Directors Meet With Santa Ana Chief



League Director Cliff Ruff, Chief Paul Walters of Santa Ana PD, and League Director Peter Repovich.

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# COMMENDABLE COPPER CAPERS

## West Los Angeles Community Police Station

Sgt. I John Warren, # 25457  
Det. Robert Lewis, #17566  
Det. Gregg Lagerman, #23039  
P.O. Il K. Kocur, #34408  
P.O. Il R. Fobbs, #35451  
P.O. Il T. Schmitz, #32902  
P.O. Il A. Suliveres, #33639  
P.O. Il E. Schick, #33748  
P.O. Il C. Yim, #34902  
P.O. Il J. Macchiarella, #35095  
P.O. Il P. Ancheta, #34906  
P.O. Il C. Dohmen, #35210  
P.O. Il Omar Mendez, #34001  
P.O. Il James Merle, #33684  
DOT Officer Julio Diaz, #2439

Officer Julio Diaz observed the suspects flee the location and recorded the license number of the fleeing Altima in his memory and then entered it into his Mobile Digital Terminal.

Officers Omar Mendez, #34001, and James Merle, #33684, responded to the location and collected all the information, including the license number, provided by Diaz and requested medical treatment for the victims. Officers Mendez and Merle conducted a check of the license plate of the Altima and provided Sgt. John Warren, #25457, with the information on the vehicle. The officers located a surveillance video in the McDonald's, which had the entire gruesome event recorded on digital tape.

Warren, along with Mendez, and Merle responded to the address of the Altima's registered owner. Warren spoke to the resident, Carla Ramos (later identified suspect one's sister). C. Ramos admitted that she had two brothers. C. Ramos' younger brother (Suspect-1 Carlos Flores drove a green Altima). C. Ramos provided the officers with a picture of Suspect-1 and advised that he no longer lived at that location. Ramos' older brother arrived at the residence and spoke to the officers. Sgt. Warren convinced the older brother to bring Suspect-1 Flores in for questioning as soon as he could locate him.

Officers returned to the station and spoke to Det. Lewis, #17566. Lewis and Cycle Officer Todd Schmitz, #32902, conducted a history check on the suspect and determined that he was a PAL—"Psycho Ass Life" gang member—and was wanted on a prior ADW case. This information further corroborated the suspect's involvement due to reports that the suspect had the letters PAL tattooed on his stomach.

On June 7, 2001, at approximately 1345 hours, West Los Angeles Cycle Unit Officers John Macchiarella, #35095, and Schmitz received a call to go to the station to meet a possible ADW

suspect at the front desk at the West Los Angeles Community Police Station. Waiting at the desk was Suspect-1 Flores and his older brother, Macchiarella and Schmitz and Dohmen arrested Flores for 664/187 PC (Attempt Murder).

Officers interrogated Flores at the station who admitted to being at the location and being involved in the fight but attempted to minimize and mitigate his involvement in the case. Flores told the officers that his vehicle was parked in the area of Westgate and Wilshire Blvd. Sgt. Warren, along with West Los Angeles Area Cycle Unit Officers Paul Ancheta, #34906, Rahsaan Fobbs, #35451, Kelly Kocur, #33408, and Eric Schick, #33748, responded to Westgate and Wilshire in an attempt to locate the suspect's vehicle. Officer Ancheta located the vehicle parked in a carport behind 1218 Armacost Ave. Sgt. Warren asked a citizen, who was in the carport, if she recognized the Altima. The citizen advised him that the owners of the vehicle were residing in apartment number 12.

As the officers approached apartment number 12, Jonathon Delacruz (later identified as Suspect-2) was exiting the front door. After a brief conversation, Delacruz welcomed the officers into the residence. Sgt. Warren was able to identify Delacruz as Suspect-2 from the surveillance video and placed him under arrest for 664/187 PC (Attempted Murder). Delacruz asked Sgt. Warren to enter his bedroom and retrieve some socks for him prior to going to jail. Warren observed several key pieces of evidence in the bedroom, in plain sight,

which included the bat and the articles of clothing worn by the suspect on the day of the occurrence.

All items were booked as evidence and Delacruz and Flores were booked at Pacific Jail for attempted murder.

On June 9, 2001, Det. Gregg Lagerman, #23039, received the case and conducted a follow-up to the victim's residence. The victims identified both suspects as the assailants. Lagerman transported the two victims to the West Los Angeles Community Police Station where he photographed very significant injuries to the victims.

On June 10, 2001, Det. Lagerman presented the case to DDA Wendy Moss who filed one count of attempted murder and one count of assault with a deadly weapon against each defendant.

Sgt. Warren, Det. Lagerman, and Officers Kocur, Suliveres, Schmitz, Macchiarella, Yim, Mendez, Merle, Ancheta, Fobbs, Schick, and Diaz, you are all to be commended for your attention to duty, your outstanding teamwork and investigative skills, which resulted in the arrest and filing of two extremely dangerous gang members. You are also to be commended for your exceptional efforts, which have made the West Los Angeles Area a safer place for people to live, work and visit.

Sgt. Warren, you are to be additionally commended for your strong leadership, tenacious investigative efforts, and motivation to inspire proactive police work, which is much appreciated in the West Los Angeles Area.

On July 6, 2001, at approximately 1045 hours, victim Adrian Lopez and his brother, Felipe Lopez, were walking in the area of Westgate Ave. and Texas Ave. with Felipe Lopez' girlfriend Nancy Dejesus. Adrian Lopez became involved in a brief physical altercation with a male suspect who had run up and began hitting him. After the altercation, A. Lopez went to the McDonald's at Brockton Ave. and Wilshire Blvd. with his brother and his brother's girlfriend.

While in line ordering food, Adrian Lopez and his brother were attacked by three suspects, one of which was the suspect who had been involved in the earlier altercation. Suspect-3 began punching A. Lopez in the face while Suspect-2 came from behind and struck him several times in the head with an aluminum baseball bat. When F. Lopez came to his brother's aid, the suspects turned on him and began assaulting him. Suspect-1 removed a hammer from his person and began striking F. Lopez numerous times.

Victim A. Lopez fled the location on foot being chased by Suspect-1 with the baseball bat. As the victim escaped with his life, all three suspects entered a green Nissan Altima (Ca. License No. 4PBN148) and fled the location. DOT

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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation "35th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony"

by Sgt. Steven H. Williams

On July 16, 2001, the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation and the Los Angeles Police Department Public Affairs Unit hosted a ceremony in front of Parker Center to remember the 35th anniversary of Chief William H. Parker's on-duty death.

In attendance were city dignitaries, American Legion Post 381 members, Department employees and command staff, members of the Parker family and the Parker Foundation board members. The event started with the presentation of colors by the Los Angeles Police Department Color Guard under the direction of Sgt. Marianus VonKorff. It was an impressive sight to watch the color guard march with such precision and organization. They truly are a tremendous asset to the Department and highlight every Department event. Los Angeles Police Chaplain Rafael Mann-Leon gave the invocation and he was followed by guest

speakers including the younger brother of Chief Parker, Joseph Parker. Members from the Los Angeles Police Mounted Unit stood by the array of wreaths displayed on the lawn area in front of the Police Memorial.



Joseph Parker looks on his brother's picture on display on the Parker Center front lawn during the July 16, 2001 35th Observance Ceremony.

A poignant, touching speech was given about Chief Parker's legacy and the man behind the uniform. Joseph Parker spoke about visiting the Los Angeles Police Academy with a younger Parker relative.

When the nephew of Chief Parker saw all the Los Angeles police officers in uniform marching through the Academy grounds, he replied, "Wow! Look at all those cops." Chief Parker quickly reprimanded his nephew and told him, "Son, those are not cops and never refer to them as such, those are professional police officers." Joe Parker said he would never forget that moment and realized that his brother had the utmost respect for the law enforcement profession.

During the ceremony, a United States flag crisply folded by the LAPD Honor Guard was presented to Joseph Parker as a symbol of his brother's dedication and loyalty to the Los Angeles Police Department. Aaron Shaw, from the Los Angeles Police Pipe Band, played "Amazing Grace" as Joseph Parker placed the wreath at the foot of his brother's portrait on the lawn of Parker Center. That moment touched the hearts of all who attended the ceremony. Approximately 50 Parker family members have positive comments on the ceremony and praised the Department for its fostering the LAPD family motto in remembering their family member, William H. Parker. A reception followed the event with the display of Chief Parker's LAPD dress uniform and badge



The Los Angeles Honor Guard presents colors during the beginning of the ceremony to remember Chief Parker.



Los Angeles Police Department Piper Aaron Shaw plays "Amazing Grace" while the LAPD Mounted Unit looks on and many of his artifacts.

Thanks to the support of all those who attended and helped coordinate the event. Today, Chief William H. Parker's memory lives on through the numerous grants provided to Department personnel for specialized training courses and equipment from the William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation.

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The *Walk of Remembrance* is a place to express your respect. It is a place to honor the lives and service of the LAPD family past and present. Each brick that is placed at the Elysian Park Academy or at the Police Museum located at the "Old Northeast Station" can have information such as name, years of service, rank or division. These *Remembrance Bricks* can be purchased for \$100 and a second brick with the same name for \$50. In this way an individual can be commemorated at both sites. Please contact the Historical Society at 323-344-9445 to have an application mailed or one can be picked up at the Academy restaurant.

## West Point Honors at LAPD Academy

A graduation ceremony was held at the Academy Café Lounge on July 18 for participating officers from various police departments throughout the state of California, and they were presented their certificates for completion of the LAPD West Point Leadership and Command Program.

Reserve Officer Seymour R. Rosen, who is also vice president of the Reserve Foundation and a board member of the William H. Parker Foundation, was presented a certificate from the city of Los Angeles for his outstanding support of the LAPD West Point Leadership and Command Program.

Eli Broad was a keynote speaker and also received an award.



R.O. Seymour Rosen receives leadership award from Eli Broad, Real Estate Developer and Investment Banker.







## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### The Divorce Process - An Overview

by Karen C. Freitas, Esq.

The legal process of dissolving a marriage begins with the filing of a lawsuit and ends with entry of a Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage (divorce). Unlike liability and damage issues of an injury civil lawsuit, the divorce action contains many issues. Termination of the marital status (returning the parties to unmarried persons) is but one of the many functions of the judgment.

#### Commencing the Lawsuit

A divorce action begins with filing a Summons and Petition. The Petition sets forth the initiating party's ("Petitioner") contentions regarding the nature and extent of his/her separate and communi-

ty property (including assets and debts), child custody, child support, spousal support, and a request for attorney's fees and costs.

The Summons informs each party that they are now part of a lawsuit and sets forth **mandatory**, automatic temporary restraining orders (ATROS) restricting the removal of the children from California, the disposal of property and the changing of insurance coverage.

After the Petition and Summons have been served, a Response to the Petition must be filed and served no later than 30 days after service. The Response form is virtually identical to the Petition form in that the same issues are raised, but it contains the responding party's ("Respondent") contentions, and may set

forth additional claims.

The filed Response is viewed not only as a responsive pleading, but also as an initiating pleading. If Petitioner wishes to dismiss the marital lawsuit, he/she may not be able to do so if Respondent wishes to proceed. Persons filing for divorce only to jolt their spouse into reconsidering a troubled marriage should reconsider since Respondent may proceed with the lawsuit even though Petitioner may have had a change of heart.

#### Immediate Relief

In certain emergencies, a party may request "immediate" ("ex parte") court orders. It may be necessary, for example, to restrain a party from misappropriating assets, blocking funds, have one party removed from the family residence, or restrain personal conduct. Once granted, the ex parte orders remain in effect until a subsequent hearing on those issues; typically 25 days later.

#### Relief Before a Judgment

Before entry of a Judgment, either party may also seek "temporary" orders from the Court. A party may request a hearing, known as an "Order to Show Cause" ("OSC") on the custody of children, child and/or spousal support, payment of debts, relief regarding property and persons, the need for attorney's fees and expert costs, and management and control of assets. The "hearing" date is usually about 30-45 days from the date the OSC request is filed.

The OSC is decided by a judicial officer, usually without hearing testimony, based upon declarations submitted and argument by counsel. The declarations typically include each party's income and expense declarations, factual declarations and witness declarations. The OSC procedure is frequently brought as the result of changing financial circumstances of the parties, an incident(s) of violence, or other ever-changing facts of the divorce case.

#### The Judgment

The Judgment of Dissolution may be obtained by a trial or, as is often the case, the parties' negotiated agreement, or a combination of a trial on certain issues and the parties' settlement of certain issues. In order to settle and/or litigate the divorce, the parties must have sufficient information regarding each other's finances and their community and separate property, which may be obtained through an informal exchange of data, and/or through formal methods (discovery and required disclosures). The method(s) employed are guided by the complexity of the case and the cooperation of the parties.

The Judgment sets forth the orders as to the division of property (assets and debts), child custody, child and spousal support, attorney fees and costs and other matters raised in the divorce. Where a pension plan is divided between the parties, a separate order (known as a "Domestic Relations Order") is also necessary. Upon entry of the Judgment (signing by the Court), the divorce is final.

#### Cost Effectiveness

Because parties to a marital lawsuit are required by California law to fully and accurately disclose all of their assets, debts, income and expenses, and it is the state's public policy to resolve marital lawsuits quickly, equitably and cost effectively, parties will benefit by cooperating with each other in accurately disclosing their financial information.

Financial and emotional benefits are virtually always derived with full and accurate disclosure and discovery compliance, because the less contentious a divorce action is, the less the emotional and financial burdens will be.

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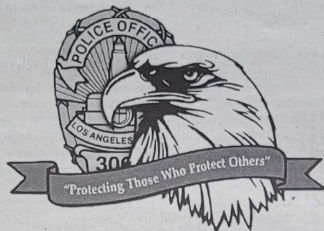
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## Non-English-Speaking Residents Need Better Service From LAPD

All bilingual officers should be given tools, support to serve Los Angeles' diverse population

Los Angeles, (July 11, 2001)—Echoing concerns raised by representatives of non-English-speaking communities of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) is calling on the Los Angeles Police Department to foster an environment that better serves the city's diverse population.

The LAPPL became concerned about LAPD's service to non-English-speaking residents following a series of events that unfolded in recent months. Of great significance is the fact that Chief Bernard C. Parks is failing to exercise his already existing authority to add bilingual positions to the LAPD staff on an as-needed basis.

"In light of recent events—particularly a 'spot-check' of services to non-English-speakers that revealed disappointing results and the denial of bilingual premium pay to officers above a certain rank—it is obviously now time for Chief Parks to exercise his authority to add bilingual staff to the LAPD, both in the offices and the field," said LAPPL President Mitzi Grasso. "His failure to act so far is just another demonstration of the extent to which Chief Parks is out of touch with the needs of the community he is paid to serve."

The "spot-check" of the LAPD's citizen hotline was conducted by the Asian Pacific Islander Police Advisory Council. The council was established five years ago in response to the death of an elderly Korean man, who was released from police custody unsupervised after he was unable to communicate with officers in English and was not provided with a translator.

Results of the spot-check were released in mid-June. After 11 calls over five months, the council concluded that non-English-speaking callers to the LAPD often receive no language translation, incomplete information or rude responses from police employees. In seven of the 11 calls, the LAPD did not obtain translators for the non-English-speaking callers or used ineffective translators.

"The residents of Los Angeles deserve much better service," said Grasso. "Imagine if these calls had been placed in emergency situations and translators could not be found. Public safety must be LAPD's top priority, no matter what language is spoken by the people needing help."

The LAPPL's second concern, bilingual premium pay, arose after it was brought to the LAPPL's attention that the LAPD had recently tested and approved premium pay for Detective IIIs and Lieutenants with bilingual skills. Following that action, however, LAPD's Fiscal Operations Division sent notices stating that the LAPD will no longer pay the premium bilingual pay.

The League and the Language Policies Task Force have for many years requested that the Los Angeles Administrative Code be amended so that employees at or above the rank of Detective III are eligible for the bilingual premium. The stipulation on bilingual premium pay dates back to 1975, when it was determined that the bilingual premium would not be authorized for positions above the level of Civil Engineer (this criteria was again adopted in 1980). According to the department, based on current salary levels, Detective IIIs are

above the level of Civil Engineer.

"We believe that it is inherently unfair that some employees are paid for their bilingual skills, but that higher-ranking employees are not," said Grasso. "We should recognize the specialized talents of bilingual officers in the same manner that we recognize the special contributions of motor officers, Air Support Division pilots and observers and Bomb squad officers. The bilingual officers' additional language skills allow the LAPD to communicate with a greater percentage of the city's diverse population and ensure their safety—and they should be rewarded appropriately and fairly for this extra service."

The LAPPL has outlined several recommendations for the LAPD to address these problems:

The LAPPL asks department management to issue a special order within the next 90 days that refreshes officers' training on use of the AT&T language line and which authorizes officers to use it quickly in situations requiring a translator. The LAPPL also wants LAPD management to follow through on the plans it announced one month ago—to conduct a thorough audit of employees' handling of foreign-language calls and to create a new training program for use during roll calls, reminding officers and other employees of how to use the department's foreign-language phone roster.

The LAPPL also supports the recommendations of the Asian Pacific Islander Police Advisory Council, which include reconvening a language policy task force established in 1996, repeating language access training for LAPD's employees and

monitoring officers' ability to respond appropriately to non-English speakers.

Additionally, the LAPPL asks Chief Parks to exercise his already existing authority to create additional bilingual positions at the LAPD and seeks an amendment to the Administrative Code to allow employees above the rank of Civil Engineer to be eligible for the bilingual pay premium.

"Nearly 100 different languages are spoken in Los Angeles. As emergency responders, we should make sure that we can serve those who speak each of them," said Grasso. "The top priority is to make sure that non-English-speaking residents' concerns are addressed in a prompt and courteous manner. However, we should also encourage all of our bilingual officers—not just those ranked below a certain level—to stay with the LAPD and share their specialized skills with the residents of Los Angeles by giving them a pay premium."

The LAPPL hopes that with continued attention to these two matters, the LAPD will find resolutions that will adequately address both residents' and officers' needs.

### About the LAPPL

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## Police Union Says LAPD Improperly Deploys SLOs

Concerns about community policing prompt LAPPL to file class action grievance

Los Angeles (July 9, 2001)—In an effort to improve community policing by halting the erosion of the Los Angeles Police Department's Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Program, the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) last Monday filed a class action grievance on behalf of all Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) against the city of Los Angeles.

As one of the innovative community-policing programs established under former Police Chief Edward M. Davis, the ultimate goals of the SLO Program are to ensure and improve the quality of life for Los Angeles residents and mobilize neighborhoods to prevent and resolve crime problems. The city is apportioned into 18 geographic areas, each of which is served by a community police station. These stations are further divided into "basic cars," or neighborhood-based units, which each contain about two to three police cars that patrol specific parts of the neighborhood on a 24-hour basis.

Originally, the SLO Program was established with more than 160 officers assigned to duty as full-time liaisons between the department and Community-Police Advisory Boards (C-PABs), residents, merchants and neighborhood watch groups in their basic car areas. The SLOs worked with these groups to develop goals that officers assigned to their areas would accomplish, as well as to

monitor crime trends and problems. However, Chief Bernard C. Parks dismantled the program to redeploy the officers to other assignments in 1999.

The SLO Program was reinstated in March—after a community uprising, led by the organization Save our Senior Leads—pursuant to an agreement between the LAPPL and the LAPD. The LAPPL grievance alleges that the public has not been reaping the program's benefits because department management is not properly deploying SLOs in accordance with its agreement with the League and Administrative Order Number 2 of March 28, 2001.

The LAPPL believes that the department is violating the agreement by not deploying SLOs to community functions, which is their primary duty assignment outlined in the agreement.

"Specifically, the agreement requires that SLOs be assigned to primarily perform their community mobilization, community-police problem solving duties," wrote League General Counsel Hank Hernandez in the grievance. "Also according to the agreement, SLOs should usually work their Basic Car only once a week. The League is informed and believes that SLOs are not being properly deployed city-wide on this basis."

The class action grievance additionally alleges that police department man-

agement has reported to the Police Commission that the proposed and actual deployment of SLOs throughout the department did not deviate substantially from the requirements of Administrative Order Number 2. Specifically, management allegedly claims that the deviations with SLO's deployment are due to factors such as training, sick and family illness days. The LAPPL is challenging the accuracy of such claims.

"As the crime rate continues to increase and Los Angeles residents become more concerned for their safety, specially-trained officers—such as SLOs—are critically important to protecting our city," said LAPPL President and former SLO Mitzi Grasso. "The SLOs provide the vital direct link between the community and the police department by opening up communications between the two parties and addressing the problems Los Angeles residents experience. They also make our neighborhoods safer by mobilizing the community to proactively fight and prevent problems plaguing their basic car areas, whether it is graffiti or more serious problems like home invasions, assaults, robberies and other very serious felonies."

The LAPPL has filed the grievance on behalf of the SLOs in order to enforce the agreement outlined and signed by the

League and the department. The LAPPL is requesting that, per the agreement, SLOs be properly assigned to their community-policing duties.

"The reinstatement of this program must be accomplished," said Grasso. "Before the SLO Program was eliminated in 1999, crime was down in all categories. But between 1999 and 2000—after the SLO Program was eliminated—all violent and property crimes increased, and overall crime is up again in 2001. Whether or not there is a direct correlation between the crime rate and community policing, I cannot unequivocally say, but I don't believe that the two entities are isolated from each other."

"What I do know is that residents have said that neighborhood watch programs have suffered without SLOs and that community safety issues that were eliminated with the presence of SLOs began to resurface when the program was eliminated in 1999," Grasso continued. "Although Chief Parks argues that all officers should adopt community-policing practices, not just a select group, a city the size of Los Angeles needs a structured program in order to effectively achieve true community policing. We cannot allow our city to suffer in this manner—community policing is essential to turning the tide on rising crime."



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## Large Volume of Dropped 9-1-1 Calls Concerns Union

Los Angeles (July 18, 2001)—The Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) is concerned about the large volume of 9-1-1 calls that are being dropped by the Los Angeles Police Department.

Between January 1 and May 30, 2001, an alarming 55,208 of the 576,395 calls received for emergency service were dropped due to inappropriate calls and inadequate staffing. Out of the 500 dispatcher positions, there are currently 85 job vacancies. Not surprisingly, the civilian workforce within the LAPD is experiencing many of the same morale problems experienced by the rank and file.

"In a life and death situation, dropping even one call presents a huge risk to

callers on the other end of the line," said LAPPL President Mitzi Grasso. "If a person is being threatened or has suffered severe physical harm, we cannot expect them to be able to hang up and try calling 9-1-1 back again when an operator can assist them. Last year, 216,964 calls—or 11.7 percent—were dropped out of a total 1,848,904 emergency calls received, and 12 percent of 9-1-1 calls rang until the caller eventually hung up."

The high dropped call rate correlates directly to the high attrition rate among the dedicated and hard-working Public Service Representatives (PSRs) who handle 9-1-1 calls. As understaffing becomes more severe, so does the dropped call rate—which is at its highest since 1995. The attrition can be chalked up to unrea-

sonably high call loads and poor physical working conditions, namely a windowless basement dispatch center.

"The LAPPL urges the City Council and the Police Commission to begin addressing the dropped calls issue—the public deserves nothing less," continued Grasso. "While the construction of the new dispatch centers will help improve the physical working conditions for dispatchers, they do not address the core problems that are causing missed emergency calls."

"Los Angeles residents deserve to know that when they call 9-1-1 for a life threatening emergency, they will immediately talk to a live human being every time they call and that help will arrive immediately.

The high proportion of dropped calls must stop," concluded Grasso.

### When to Use 9-1-1

Call 9-1-1 for a life or death emergency that requires the immediate response of emergency personnel. Always call 9-1-1 when there is a medical problem or something that requires the Los Angeles Fire Department to respond, since they do not have non-emergency lines.

### Non-Emergency

When there is a situation that requires police response but is not an emergency, use a non-emergency number, such as 1-877-ASK-LAPD.

## LAPPL Asks That Parks Be Evaluated On Criteria He Set For Himself

Crime is up, morale is down and the LAPD is losing officers at an alarming rate

Los Angeles (July 16, 2001)—With Chief Bernard C. Parks' five-year contract up for renewal in August of next year, the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) strongly recommends that the Police Commission evaluate Chief Parks using the very criteria he delineated as appropriate for evaluating a Chief's performance.

When he took office as Chief in August of 1997, Parks was quoted as saying, "If crime decreases, it is a positive for...L.A., if it increases, the chief of police hasn't done his job."

LAPD's own crime statistics show that in many areas, Chief Parks has failed to meet even the minimum standards he set for himself and, by his own account, "hasn't done his job." According to recent figures, Part I crimes—which include homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, auto theft and arson—are up 4.9 percent between January 1 and July 7, 2001, while arrests are down 4.4 percent citywide. Compared to the same time two years ago, Part I crimes are up 7.6 percent and arrests are down 15.6 percent.

During Chief Parks' tenure, between year-end 1997 and year-end 2000, Part I crimes have gone down, but violent Part I crimes alone—which are limited to homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault—have increased. Part I crimes numbered 190,561 at the end of 1997 and 179,000 at the end of 2000; violent Part I crimes numbered 41,315 at the end of 1997 and 50,132 at the end of 2000.

Therefore, while certain crimes have decreased both over the last four years and in the first six months of 2001 (a welcome achievement that stands in contrast to last year's increases in all violent and property crimes), nevertheless, the stark fact remains that crime on the whole is up again this year.

"Crime is up in many areas and the Chief has failed on his own terms," said LAPPL President Mitzi Grasso. "We believe that the community should be very concerned about this upward crime trend. While we currently do not have a League position on whether the Chief's contract should be renewed, we believe very strongly that the Commission should

give serious weight to the various evaluation criteria established by Chief Parks when considering whether or not to renew his contract."

The LAPPL also urges the Police Commission to review the state of community policing under Chief Parks. Most recently, the issue of community policing has resurfaced since, despite his promises, the Chief has failed to properly restore the very successful and popular Senior Lead Officer program. Based on Chief Parks' statement upon becoming Chief that, "The future of the Los Angeles Police Department will be to be community-service oriented, to be tough on crime, to treat citizens properly, to use the available technology we have...and to be the safest large city in the United States," Chief Parks' dismantling of the Senior Lead Officer program in 1999 violates this promise.

Chief Parks also stated in 1997 that, "Officers have to feel that they are cared for, that they're given proper training, proper direction and proper leadership, and that will produce good morale." However, even as Chief Parks continues to deny it—in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary—there are severe morale and attrition problems within the LAPD that seriously diminish the quality of police services to the residents of Los Angeles. Most telling is a recent UCLA-USC study, which shows that the majority of LAPD officers would leave the department if they could.

The residents of Los Angeles should be deeply concerned that the number of sworn officers has dropped by 447 officers in just the first six months of 2001—due to 200 retirements and 247 resignations—as compared to 149 retirements and only 70 resignations for the entire year before Chief Parks took office. The department is also redeploying officers from critical specialized assignments just to maintain a minimum number of officers on patrol. This loss means that there are less officers on the street, that on average the officers on the street are not as experienced and that the community is not protected as well as it should be. The Commission should examine why, when faced with this evidence, Chief Parks continues to deny that a personnel crisis exists.

"Chief Parks has lost the trust of Los Angeles police officers by closing his eyes to obvious morale problems and staffing shortages, by perpetuating a farcical disciplinary system and by retaliating against anyone who dares disagree with him," said Grasso. "If this is leadership, it is leadership based on policy of the blind leading the blind."

While not readily apparent to the public, we urge the Commission to look closely at Chief Parks' weaknesses as a manager, particularly his handling of disciplinary issues. While everyone agrees that LAPD needs a disciplinary system that punishes serious misconduct severely, minor misconduct or poor judgment appropriately and which dismisses frivolous allegations immediately, under Chief Parks, absurd cases are consuming vital departmental resources that could be used to fight rising crime on our streets.

When reviewing Chief Parks' performance in office, the Commission should also review his track record of lashing out at his critics wildly and irresponsibly. He has squandered taxpayers' money in the pursuit of personal vendettas against his critics through outrageous retaliatory measures. Most recently, for example, a federal court jury found that Chief Parks maliciously retaliated against a civilian employee who refused to alter her testimony in a lawsuit that cost the city \$40 million. As a result, the city of Los Angeles must now pay \$3.6 million to the former fiscal services specialist. This example violates the promise Chief Parks made in 1997, which included improving the "quality of service" provided to Los Angeles and making residents "feel they are getting an adequate return on [their] investment." One-fourth of the entire \$4 billion city budget that is dedicated to the LAPD.

The LAPPL is deeply concerned about the repeated failures in Chief Parks' performance that have resulted in plummeting morale among the rank and file, dissipation of public confidence in the LAPD and a rising crime rate in Los Angeles.

"While we currently reserve judgment on the matter of whether or not it is now

time for Chief Parks to step down, it clearly is time for Parks to live up to the expectations he set for himself upon taking over as Chief in 1997," said Grasso. "We need a Police Chief who is an effective leader, who understands and appreciates community policing, who realizes that morale is important, who fights to increase the number of officers within the LAPD when crime is rising and, above all, who is a good listener and is not afraid to admit when he is wrong. Thus far under Chief Parks the people of Los Angeles have not received—in the words of Chief Parks—an 'adequate return on their investment.' The LAPD should provide them with the public safety services they need, deserve and pay a billion dollars every year to have."

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<sup>1</sup>Source: "Parks Call Cutting Crime Key Test of Success as Chief," Los Angeles Times, 8/7/1997.

<sup>2</sup>Note: Percentages are for Part I crimes, which include homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, auto theft and arson. Violent Part I crimes (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) alone are up 3.3 percent in 2001; 11.2 percent in the last two years. Violent Part I crime arrests alone are down 4.5 percent in 2001; 19 percent in the last two years. Source: LAPD Crime Statistics, <http://www.lapdonline.org/>

<sup>3</sup>Note: Numbers are for Part I crimes, which include homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, auto theft and arson. Source: LAPD Crime Statistics, <http://www.lapdonline.org/>

<sup>4</sup>Note: Numbers are for violent Part I crimes, which include homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Source: LAPD Crime Statistics, <http://www.lapdonline.org/>

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<sup>6</sup>Source: "Parks Vows to Forge Public-Police Bond," Daily News, 8/7/1997

<sup>7</sup>Source: LAPD Human Resources Division

<sup>8</sup>Note: Statistics for 1996-1997. During 1997-1998, there were 122 retirements and 108 resignations. Source: LAPD Human Resources Division

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#### Ode to a Career

by Det. Pat Barron, DSG

The decision was initially tough  
But I liked the pledge.  
Even though the life is rough.  
I too wanted to be on the edge  
I wanted to wear the blue  
Be a part of the team  
Contribute something of value  
To the City of Angels dream  
Six months Academy with running.  
Down the road, over the hill  
Studying, working out and gunning  
And even more...yet still  
When graduation came  
So proud was I to stand  
On the grass field in the rain  
Listening to the band  
I tossed my hat into the sky  
The city was safe now  
I wasn't sure how or why  
But it was somewhere in my vow  
I wore my badge and I looked good  
Full of energy, ready to burst  
Got an A-car in the hood  
I was ready for the worst.  
They taught me to stay alive  
In streets full of danger.  
Nab a robber, chase a thief  
Hook up a poo-butt banger  
I had good times  
Learning and ropes  
They taught me detectives  
Patrol and dope  
It goes so quick  
I really must say  
Twenty years passed  
In just a few days.  
I remember a lot of good  
I remember a bit of bad  
I know the people made the difference  
In the pride I felt I had  
In 20 years of service  
I had a good eighteen  
A couple bad months here and there  
Because without valleys, peaks lack meaning  
Sometimes I ponder on the past  
And wonder where it went  
That fiery vibrant youthful vigor  
Did it all get spent?  
I blame the this, or its that's fault  
But the truth is in the lie  
I'm mad the world has changed  
I'm sad that so have I  
I long to be that young dumb cop  
Back on the field in the rain  
Worried that I won't catch my hat  
And it'll get a grass stain.

## 'De-policing' may be the response to racial profiling study

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The vehicle flew past the police officer's squad car at a high rate of speed—well in excess of the posted limit. Darkly tinted windows kept the officer from seeing who was driving, but no matter. He switched on the light bar and pulled the car over.

As the officer approached the driver's side door, the dark window rolled down and an irate woman yelled at him.

"You only pulled me over because I'm black," the woman shouted.

The officer came to a dead stop. He leaned toward the car, told the woman to have a nice day and returned to his car.

Welcome to De-policing 2001. Expect to hear more about it as law enforcement agencies in Texas begin their experiment in combating "racial profiling" on Sept. 1. That's when the new statute goes into effect requiring officers to collect information about the people they stop—in a car or on foot—in the course of their duties. And they must record this information whether they make an arrest, write a citation or let the person go.

The data they gather—including the gender and race or ethnicity of the individual stopped, the suspected offense, whether a search was conducted with or without the detainee's consent—"shall not constitute prima facie evidence of racial profiling," so sayeth the law.

Oh, really? Tell that to the officers who are going to have to participate in this ridiculous exercise of political correctness.

It was a presumption of wrongdoing that propelled this legislation to the fore in the first place. Why, everyone 'knows' that cops are racist so-and-so's, but the evidence was only anecdotal. With this new reporting system, the proof finally will be in hand.

Not prima facie evidence? Give me a break. That's exactly how it will be used by special-interest groups with axes to grind against law enforcement. Which is why I predict that municipalities across the state will see a drop in the number of officer-initiated citizen contacts in the months to come.

One Fort Worth police officer explained his reaction to the statute thusly: "Unless I'm specifically dispatched to a call, I'm not getting involved in anything unless my life or a life of a fellow officer is in jeopardy. I don't need to be labeled a racist just for doing my job."

De-policing, or abstaining from active policing efforts unless answering an assigned call, is not without precedent. After high-profile cases involving law enforcement officers that are tinged with racial undercurrents—think New York City's Amadou Diallo or Cincinnati's Timothy Thomas—officers pull back.

Who needs that hassle of being called a racist, put before a review board and investigated for possible civil rights violations for doing your job? Find a place to hole up until you get a specific call from dispatch.

The results of de-policing, at least in Cincinnati, are told in the crime statistics. Traffic stops were down 55 percent and arrests decreased by half in the three months since the April riots that occurred after a police shooting of an unarmed 19-year-old black man.

Shootings were up. According to the Cincinnati Police Department, the city logged 59 incidents involving 77 victims, compared with nine incidents involving 11 victims during the same three-month period last year.

Attorney Heather Mac Donald, a John M. Olin senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, has extensively researched "racial profiling" for columns she writes for 'City Journal.' For a Spring 2001 piece titled "The Myth of Racial Profiling," Mac Donald interviewed Police Chief Ed Flynn of Arlington County, Va., about his department's response to requests from residents in the black community to step up drug enforcement.

"They instituted aggressive motor-vehicle checks throughout the problem neighborhood. Cracked windshield, too-dark windows, expired tags, driving too fast? You're getting stopped and questioned," Mac Donald wrote.

"By the end of the summer, the department had cleaned up the crime hot spots. Community newsletters thanked the cops for breaking up the dealing. But guess what? Says Flynn: "We had also just generated a lot of data showing "disproportionate" minority arrests." The irony, in Flynn's view, is acute. "We are responding to heartfelt demands for increased police presence," he says. "But this places police departments in the position of producing data at the community's behest that can be used against them."

Yup, this racial profiling law is a peach of an idea. Beginning Sept. 1, when you ask the question, "Where's a cop when you need one?" the answer will likely be, "Laying low—making sure he isn't doing anything that will get him labeled a racist."

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ing crime. However, it will also be necessary for the Department to improve its overall image—by focusing on improving morale and working conditions—in order for the LAPD to fully restore its once world-class reputation.

### Improperly Deploying SLOs

In an effort to improve community policing by halting the erosion of the Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Program, the League filed a class action grievance on behalf of all Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) against the City of Los Angeles.

As you know, Chief Bernard C. Parks dismantled the program to redeploy the officers to other assignments in 1999.

The SLO Program was reinstated in March—after a community uprising, led by the organization Save our Senior Leads—pursuant to an agreement between the LAPPL and the LAPD. Our grievance alleges that the public has not been reaping the program's benefits because Department management is not properly deploying SLOs in accordance with its agreement with the League and Administrative Order Number 2 of March 28, 2001.

The LAPPL has filed the grievance on behalf of the SLOs in order to enforce the agreement outlined and signed by the League and the Department. The LAPPL is requesting that, per the agreement, SLOs be properly assigned to their community-policing duties.

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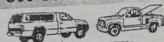


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The event will also celebrate the many other achievements of the Memorial Fund during these past ten years, which include the passage of legislation authorizing the lowering of flags to half-staff on May 15th, Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the issuance of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Commemorative Coin by the United States Mint in 1997. Most recently, a new law was enacted giving the NLEOMF authority to construct a national museum honoring the law enforcement profession on federal land directly opposite the Memorial site. Like the Memorial itself, all of the funding for the museum must come from private donations.

"The Gala will give us all a chance to reflect on the growing importance of law enforcement's national monument," said Craig W. Floyd, Chairman of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. "It will also help to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Museum, which will greatly enhance our efforts to honor the service and sacrifice of America's peace officers."

Gala sponsorships are currently available. Individual ticket sales will begin on September 1st. Additional information is available on the NLEOMF web site, [www.nleomf.com](http://www.nleomf.com) or by calling the Memorial Fund's office at 202/737-3400.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### "Taking The Fifth" — Part IV

by Muna Busailah

#### When The Grand Jury Requests The Pleasure of Your Company



Well, there it is. A subpoena to attend and testify before the grand jury. Now what do you do? The answer, beyond appearing at the required time on the subpoena, depends upon understanding

both the grand jury process and your position with respect to the particular grand jury inquiry. Equally important, however, is your department's official policy on individual members' duty to testify. In fact, a department's policy on this important consideration must be clearly articulated and certain, because it will determine and control how you should respond to the subpoena.

Officers are accustomed to being summoned to testify in hearings and trials in criminal cases; and sometimes in coroner's inquests and grand juries, as well. The prospect of testifying as a government witness in a case against a crook doesn't usually implicate an officer's individual penal interests. So, you go, you swear to tell the truth, you testify—no problem.

But, what if the focus of the grand jury or inquest is the conduct of officers—your colleagues, maybe even your partners, and maybe you, after all? This paper concerns only those situations where you are targeted by the government either as "suspect" or "co-conspirator/witness." In other words, where you have real, albeit perhaps potential, self-incrimination concerns, for otherwise a subpoena to attend and testify before the grand jury, would be the source of no concern.

This situation may place you at a crossroads, where you are required to choose between official duty and self-interest. Along the way, there may be choices that are not easily made because they implicate, potentially at least, loss of liberty, or of career, or both.

#### What Will Happen if I Refuse to Testify?

There is, of course, a distinction between the duty to appear, and any "duty to testify." You have no legal choice if you are subpoenaed to appear. Failure to appear and be sworn is a contempt, punishable as a crime. (See: Penal Code §1331.) Regardless of a department's position on the duty to testify, there is no question what department policy is on failures to appear on subpoenas, or on being adjudged in contempt. Both are punishable under department regulations as neglect of duty, conduct unbecoming, and a number of other rule violations.

A much more complex and sensitive policy question is presented by the deputy or officer who, although willing to appear and be sworn as a witness, does not wish to give testimony that may incriminate him or her in any of several ways. Here we focus upon the critical problem every department faces: striking a proper balance between legitimate goals of the organization, and respect for members; individual civil rights, including of course, the constitutional right against self-incrimination.

If a department has no policy, or an unclear or arbitrary policy (i.e., it depends on "who is asking"), then the officer or deputy may reasonably conclude he is free to assert the Fifth Amendment and refuse to answer questions, only to find out later that his department intends to terminate him for neglect of duty.

A member should be able to go to his supervisor and ask, "Look, Sarge, I've got this subpoena, but I really don't want to testify and waive my rights to silence—so, if I refuse to answer, will the Department do anything to me?"

The supervisor should be able to answer this without hesitation, by resort to the Department manual or rules and regulations. It will either be that the Department policy is that a member may, after appearing and being sworn, choose to exercise his or her rights to silence, and that no rule prohibits this; or the policy may be that the Department expects each member to testify, even at the risk of self-incrimination, and the failure to do so, by invoking the right to silence, will lead to termination.

But, whichever it is, the member or the supervisor ought not to have a guess at the answer. Unfortunately, in my experience, in most departments the answer is anything but clear—because there is no written policy or rule. Want to test this one? Ask your supervisor if you will be punished (or even fired) if you exercise your "right" to silence before a grand jury. If you can get the supervisor to answer at all, the response will likely be equivocal, but will generally reflect the common perception that the Department cannot punish a member for exercising Fifth Amendment rights. And, strictly speaking, this is true.

However, as a constitutional matter, departments can require members to testify, even at the risk of self-incrimination. This principle is just not understood.

It is recommended that departments without a policy, take steps to promulgate rules on this important issue now. Sooner or later a case will be presented where department members must testify in order to fulfill the mission and to perform the duties for which they are paid; however, to testify in the case will present a real risk of self-incrimination. Without a policy and rule in place, the members may refuse to testify, especially if they get legal advice. However, if there is a rule requiring their testimony, then the objectives of the criminal justice system will be served, but the members will still be protected by use immunity, because of their testimony has been "administratively compelled." For a thorough discussion of the dynamics of use immunity, see *Taking the Fifth, Parts I, II, and III*, available from the author.

#### If I Invoke my Rights Can I Be Compelled to Testify?

Yes. This can happen in a couple of ways. A member who is required to testify by department rule may refuse to waive his rights to silence before the grand jury and yet testify pursuant to this department rule (compelled). The member should have use immunity for the testimony. (See: LAPD Manual §1/240.47, *infra*.) A second way it can occur is if the member refuses to testify on legitimate Fifth Amendment grounds. If the prosecutor considers the anticipated testimony to be important, the member may be ordered before a judge for contempt proceedings. The court will look into the Fifth Amendment claim, to ensure it is legitimate. If the court finds there is no legitimate Fifth Amendment concern, it can order the witness to testify and punish a refusal by contempt, including incarceration. If the court orders the witness to answer, and if the witness would have been privileged to withhold the answer on the grounds of self-incrimination, then neither the testimony or derivative fruits may be used against the witness in any criminal case, although he may be prosecuted if the testimony is perjurious. (See: Penal Code § 1324.)

If the court finds that the Fifth Amendment has been validly invoked, the prosecutor may apply for a grant of immunity and order to the witness to tes-

tify. Here again, the witness who testifies will have use immunity for the testimony, but may be prosecuted for perjury.

If there is no department policy requiring the testimony, and the prosecutor does not apply to the court for a grant of immunity, then a witness who validly invokes the right against self-incrimination cannot be forced to testify.

In counseling LAPD officers summoned to testify in federal and state grand jury proceedings, I have given them a statement to read to the grand jury as soon as they are sworn:

*I am a member of the Los Angeles Police Department, subject to the LAPD Manual. I am compelled to be here by subpoena. As a subpoenaed LAPD member, I am required to answer all questions put to me, even at the risk of self-incrimination. I do not waive my Fifth Amendment rights. I do not waive my right against self-incrimination. I will not testify voluntarily. My answers and my testimony are compelled by Manual section 1/210.47 (Volume I, §210.47) entitled "Duty to Testify." I will be removed from my position for neglect of duty and insubordination if I refuse to testify on 5th Amendment or self-incrimination grounds. So, I must answer these questions—but I do not waive any of my rights. I expect that, as the Manual states, I am entitled to use immunity and derivative use immunity for all of my testimony. On this ground, and this ground only, I will testify.*

*I request that this signed statement be made a part of the Grand Jury record.*

#### Can the Grand Jury Get My Administratively-Compelled Statements?

Yes. There is a difference between the prosecutor or grand jury acquiring compelled statements, and use of those statements in a criminal proceeding. We are accustomed to hearing in the so-called "Lybarger Admonition" that the officer is ordered to answer (even though he has refused to waive his "Miranda Rights") and that nothing he says can be used against him in any subsequent criminal case. There is nothing in the *Lybarger, Garrity or Lefkowitz* decisions, or in general Fifth Amendment jurisprudence that protects compelled statements from coming into the hands of grand juries or prosecutors. (See: *United States v. Crowson* (9th Cir. 1986) 828 F.2d 1427; *In Re Grand Jury Subpoena* (9th Cir. 1996) 75 F.3d 446.) This does not equate with "use" of the compelled statements. However, the simple fact that prosecutors have obtained the compelled statements may trigger a duty to show, in a subsequent criminal case against the speaker, that the compelled statements have not benefited the prosecution; i.e., the prosecutor has the "heavy burden" of demonstrating an independent source for all of its evidence in a so-called "Kastigar Hearing." (See: *People v. Gwillim* (1990) 223 Cal.App.3d 1254; *Gwillim v. City of San Jose* (9th Cir. 1991) 929 F.2d 465.)

#### If I Feel I Am In Jeopardy, Can I Have My Lawyer With Me at the Grand Jury?

Yes and no. Yes, you can have a lawyer present at the grand jury hearing room, but not in the grand jury room when you are testifying. You may leave the grand jury room during your testimony for the purpose of consulting with your counsel—even after a question is asked, but before you answer. This opportunity is necessary in order to protect witnesses from the (sometimes) harsh consequences of waiver. For example, a question is asked of the witness which the witness believes may cause him to incriminate himself by answering. He is permitted to consult with counsel before answering. Otherwise, he might answer and waive the privilege. In the same way, the privileges for marital, attorney-client and doctor-patient communications can be waived. In fact, if the prosecutor-interrogator in the grand jury believes that the witness is mistakenly refusing to answer on privilege grounds, the witness may be encouraged to take a break, and

go out and talk to his/her lawyer. This may avoid the situation where the witness is threatened with contempt for his or her refusal to answer on the mistaken, but good faith assertion of privilege.

Obviously, in any situation where you believe you may be a target or are a "subject" of the grand jury interrogation, consult with a lawyer and have him or her present when you testify.

Unprivileged refusals to answer questions are handled as contempts. The court can jail a witness until he "purges" himself of the contempt by answering, or until the confinement is no longer coercive, but has become punitive in character.

Grand juries are not supposed to receive evidence that would be inadmissible over objection in a criminal trial. Certainly, a grand jury may not indict on the basis of inadmissible evidence. (See: Penal Code §939.6.)

#### When Might an Answer to a Question Tend to Incriminate Me?

The privilege against self-incrimination inherent in the Fifth Amendment "extends not only to 'answers that would in themselves support a conviction...but likewise embraces those which would furnish a link in the chain of evidence needed to prosecute claimant...it need only be evident from the implications of the question, in the setting in which it is asked, that a responsive answer to the question or an explanation of why it cannot be answered might be dangerous because injurious disclosure could result.'" There must be "reasonable cause to apprehend danger from a direct answer." (See: *Ohio v. Reiner* (March 19, 2001) No. 00-1028, U.S.

quoting *Hoffman v. United States* (1951) 341 U.S. 479. Again, if there is any risk of incrimination, get a lawyer!

#### The Preferable Alternative

Rather than forcing department members to the Hobson's choice of doing their duty and testifying at the risk of self-incrimination; or forsaking their public trust by invoking their rights to testify in order to protect their individual penal interests, departments ought to consider promulgating a policy requiring members to testify as an element of basic duty. For example, LAPD Manual §1/210.47:

*Among the duties of police officers are those of preventing the commission of crime, of assisting in its detection, and of disclosing all information known to them which may lead to the apprehension and punishment of those who have transgressed the law. When police officers acquire knowledge of facts which will tend to incriminate any person, it is their duty to disclose such facts to their superiors and to testify freely concerning such facts when called upon to do so, even at the risk of self-incrimination. It is a violation of duty for police officers to refuse to disclose pertinent facts within their knowledge, and such neglect of duty can result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.*

*Note: Under California and federal law, any testimony or statement made by an officer under administrative compulsion of this policy cannot be used against that officer in any pending or future criminal prosecution.*

Stay safe! Muna Busailah, Esq.

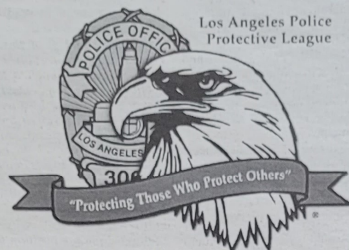
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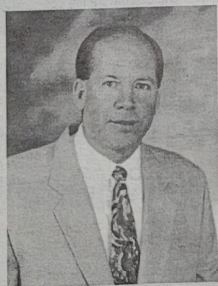
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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### "Lemons"- A Current Overview in California

by A. Clifton Hodges, Esq.

California consumers who bargained for a "peach" but wound up with a "lemon" are having a somewhat easier time on the road to restitution, thanks to the California Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act, commonly referred to as the "California Lemon Law."

The California Lemon Law is a work in progress and has become increasingly "consumer friendly." We had, for example, "friendly" amendments to the law in January of 2000. Prior to January 1, 2000, your new vehicle was "presumed" a lemon if it was out of service for repairs 30 days during the first 12 months or 12,000 miles. California consumers should note that 12 months has been extended to 18 months, and 12,000 miles to 18,000 miles.

Another common presumption involves the number of repair attempts or opportunities to repair. Here's where the magic number 4 you may have heard about comes into play. California law "presumes" your vehicle to be a lemon after 4 unsuccessful repair opportunities involving the same "substantial" problem. This presumption also requires at least the first complaint of the "substantial" problem to be documented while the vehicle is still under manufacturer warranty.

If your problem involves a serious safety issue, however, just one or two unsuccessful repair attempts is often all the ammunition you need to successfully

pursue the claim.

In addition, certain vehicles purchased and registered for business use are now finally protected, providing the business "fleet" contains no more than five vehicles. While the lemon law is most often associated with automobiles, California consumers should be aware that trucks, RVs, fifth wheels, tow cars, boats and motorcycles are protected under the same law.

The vast majority of motor vehicles generally perform as advertised; however, it would be naive to expect a complicated end product to be entirely trouble free. A few annoying and time-consuming visits for "pesky" problems are not only understandable, but are to be expected. A certain amount of slack should be given to both the dealer and the manufacturer, particularly if they are trying in good faith to rectify your problem(s).

Even if your vehicle presents problems more than "pesky" in nature, such as the damn thing just won't run, the dealer or manufacturer is entitled by both the law and common sense to a reasonable number of repair opportunities before you as the consumer are entitled to replacement or refund. The operative word in the last sentence is, of course, "reasonable." What constitutes a "reasonable" number of repair opportunities varies from state to state, case to case and interpretation to interpretation.

Another imprecise requirement for replacement or refund is "substantial

impairment" of value, use or safety. Human nature being what it is, the dealer and/or manufacturer will often minimize and the consumer will sometimes exaggerate. Murky as it may sound, the system does however work, and more consumers are successfully asserting their rights. While federal laws address general rights, specific rights may differ from state to state with some states more consumer-friendly than others.

As an attorney whose office has dealt with literally thousands of lemons, certain rhythms and patterns have become apparent. The more responsible manufacturers will "own up" to a lemon once confronted with documented history (your repair orders) revealing their dealer's inability to properly repair. Roughly 80% of those matters settle quickly and amicably before a lawsuit. Some manufacturers (and their dealers) remain imperious and/or intractable by stonewalling every lemon claim presented to them, regardless of the merits. Lemon claims against these certain manufacturers require a legal action simply to get their attention.

One would think all manufacturers would have an abiding interest in customer satisfaction simply to ensure future business, but that is not always the case. These "guilty" manufacturers have discovered that if they reject 100 legitimate lemon claims out of hand, 80 of them will simply go away because most consumers do not understand their rights, or if they do, are unwilling to pursue a lawsuit and will take a financial "hit" just to be done with the vehicle and get on with their lives. That leaves only 20% of the lemons to deal with and the manufacturers apparently think this is a smart economic decision, regardless of the fact that a single unhappy high profile consumer can cost them a lot of business.

With any manufacturer, responsible or not, careful documentation is essential. If you take your vehicle back to the dealer/manufacturer for any concern whatsoever, make it your business to ensure each and every complaint appears in your own words on the repair order. Some service writers conveniently fail to write down your verbal concerns, effectively increasing the number of documented repair opportunities needed to satisfy the "presumption" that your vehicle is a lemon.

If you truly believe you've been stuck with a lemon, first summarize your repair orders, write your "story" in chronological form and send it certified mail (return receipt requested) to the manufacturer. Your letter should include a request for immediate refund or replacement. Send the selling dealership a copy. This will serve as semi-formal notice, and may encourage them to "do the right thing" without the necessity of legal intervention. If you still get stonewalled, then by all means seek advice and/or representation from a well-connected attorney within the lemon law community. More can usually be accomplished with an indignant letter and a lawsuit than with an indignant letter alone.

You purchased your vehicle for an express and specific purpose and are entitled to a reasonable degree of trouble-free use and enjoyment. You did not hand over tens of thousands of dollars for the express and specific purpose of buying a major headache the manufacturer cannot or will not properly diagnose and remedy. You, as a consumer, have rights under the law; if you stand up for your rights, you can get the "peach" you thought you bought.

*Editors Note: Mr. Hodges is a practicing attorney with more than ten years experience dealing with, and trying cases under the Lemon Law.*

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## American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, 381

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### Honoring Chief Parker

July 16, 2001, was the 35th anniversary of Chief William H. Parker's death. A memorial was held in his honor, in front of Parker Center. His brother, Joseph Parker, was the keynote speaker. Joe called himself "Bill's little brother." He told several stories about William Parker, which showed William Parker's compassion, humanism and love for the Los Angeles Police Department and his fellow cops.

Regarding William Parker's military service. He was in the U.S. Army and served in Africa, Sardinia, England, France, and Germany. He was wounded during the Normandy Invasion and received the Purple Heart. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Silver Star by the Free French Government, the Star of Solidarity by the Italian government.

William Parker was active in the American Legion. He was the Commander of the 17th District, and the President of the American Legion Luncheon Club. A little known fact was that the National Office of the American Legion offered William Parker the position of State Commander. That was the same year that he became Chief of Police, and he had to decline the offer. He was a lifelong supporter of the United States Military, the American

Legion, and veteran's rights.

William Parker, in your memory, we salute you. Rest in peace, and thank you for your honor and dedication.

### July Meeting

On July 17, 2001, the Los Angeles Police Post #381 had their monthly meeting at the Panorama City Post. Budget problems (and who doesn't have those) were discussed.

### Welcome Recruit Class #7-01

On July 30, 2001, Marty Chalupa and J.J. Leonard welcomed the new police recruit class. There were five with military service. They all joined Police Post #381. Congratulations, and welcome to the new members: **Ruperto Hernandez** (USMC), **Jon-Dennis Kasper** (USAF), **Carlos Moya** (USMC), **Edward Palacios** (USMC), **Cesar Rivera** (USMC).

### The American Legion Stands by Boy Scouts

The American Legion has come to the defense of the Boy Scouts of America's constitutional right to maintain its leadership standards.

"The Boy Scouts have found themselves on the front lines of the nation's culture war" (CBS-TV "60 Minutes"). Indeed, the organization has become the political target of gay activists who disagree with the Supreme Court's ruling in favor of the Scout's right to prohibit avowed homosexuals from serving as Scout leaders.

Joseph Caouette, the Chairman of the American Legion's National Americanism Commission said, "This assault on a venerable American institution like the Scouts is an effort to topple yet another domino in the devaluing of America by those who have a very different vision of what this nation is or ought to be."

Scouting supporters note two important aspects in the issue. One is the First Amendment right of the people to peaceable assemblies, to associate. The second, also a constitutional guarantee, is the right to set standards in membership that, in the case of Scouts, excludes

avowed homosexuals. This policy, while not new to Scouting, was newly affirmed by the United States Supreme Court in June, 2000.

"With the right of the people to freely associate comes the equally important

rack. Other times I would be cleaning and autoclaving instruments to sterilize them.

About 23 hours later we had finished. The surviving patients were in recovery. One young man died on the operating table.



Pictured (L to R): Hal Yarnell, Marty Chalupa, George Aguilar, Mark Gerin, Richard Ledesma, J.J. Leonard, Bill Zimmermann, Frank Ortiz, Rick Leiphardt.

right of freedom not to associate," said Caouette. "For the private organization, that right is critical—not just to its aims and purposes but to its very existence. Had the Boy Scouts been founded to teach camping skills and crafting, its demise may have come long ago. But it began as a character-building organization, and continued as a revered institution because of the educational quality of its program and an ability to instill in young boys the values of a nation, under God."

### Memories - by Mark Gerin

December 23, 1950—Eleven of us just arrived at our new permanent base, Station General Hospital, Camp Pickett, Virginia. We were just transferred from Camp Campbell, Kentucky. We were escorted into the mess hall for dinner. The mess hall capacity was about 500.

As we sat down to eat a medical officer addressed up, "All surgical technicians holding a 861 MOS, report to me immediately." Of the 500 or so enlisted personnel in the mess hall, ten of us stood up and reported to him without finishing our dinner. We were then escorted next door which was the hospital portion of the building. As we quick walked, we were ordered to remove our Class "A's" and put on green outfits that were given to us by other medical technicians.

We saw many soldiers in field dress rushing around with stretcher-bearers carrying patients on them. At first I thought they were bringing casualties direct from Korea. It seemed improbable, but who knows. The war was really heating up at that time and anything was possible.

I was ushered into the operating wash room to scrub. Scrubbing your hands was done by SOP. A nurse captain observed us closely to make sure we scrubbed according to these procedures. On completion, I was ushered into the operating theater. There I saw several surgeons working deftly trying to save these young men's lives.

I was ordered to assist one of the surgeons as a scrub technician, which meant that I had to hand him instruments and sponges as needed. At that time, I chose not to ask what had happened. We worked in surgery all through that night and the next day. I alternated with other surgical etches, which meant that I collected the used sponges, counted and hung them on a

After all our chores were completed, we asked one of the medical officers some questions. He explained the events that occurred that caused this terrible event.

Here is what happened: The 43rd Infantry Division, a National Guard outfit from New England, was called to active duty for combat training prior to being sent to Korea. They were given a five-day leave for the Christmas holiday starting December 23rd. While packing, several of these kids were going to bring ornaments home. One of them was bringing a hand grenade. From what I was told another had wanted it and an argument ensued in the barracks. The argument became a tug of war. Finally the owner of the grenade told the other he can have it and angrily threw it on the floor. It exploded near them and others. Body parts flew, and several others in the area were also gravely injured. It must have been hell.

After the event, our C.O. congratulated us for a job well done and gave all of us a ten-day leave. Although I appreciated the leave, I would have taken far less if this had not happened.

When I reported to Ward A-25 several weeks later, these young men were my patients. There was an inquiry into the events that brought them here, but none of the survivors would reveal who had thrown the grenade. My guess is the one who died had thrown it, and the others protected him.

### National Convention

The 83rd annual American Legion National Convention will be held at the Convention Center, in Anaheim, California. Dates: September 3-9, 2001. For information, please see [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

The Next Meeting of Police Post #381 Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is August 21, 2001. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00, with the meeting to follow. There is a \$5 donation for dinner. Location—the Panorama Post at 13553 Reedley Street, Panorama City.

For information on the meeting, please call Commander Bill Zimmermann, (818) 342-3645 or Adjutant Frank Ortiz, (626) 331-4271.

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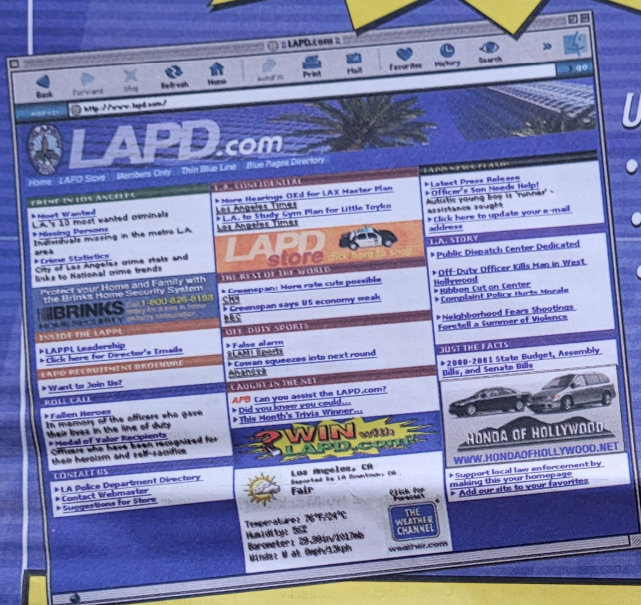
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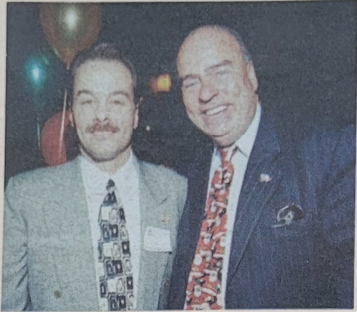
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# LOS ANGELES POLICE EAGLE & BADGE FO

by Don Lint



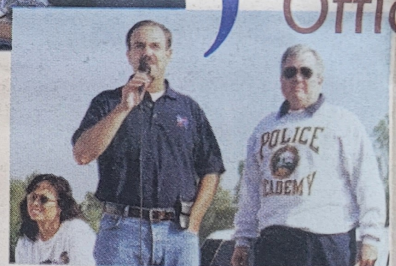
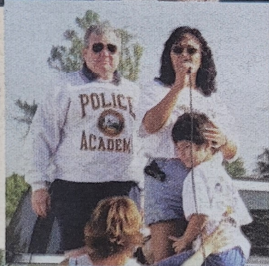
League Director and Chairman of the Eagle and Badge Foundation, Don Lint, with Arthur Kassel, President of the Eagle and Badge Foundation.

I am pleased to announce the formation of the Eagle and Badge Foundation. This benevolent organization's primary purpose is to benefit the children of police officers and the community we serve. The Foundation will raise funds for scholarships and for catastrophic illness situations where funds through traditional means are not available. This Foundation is the brainchild of former League Director Dennis P. Zine and current Director Ted Hunt, who worked on its concept for several years. The Eagle and Badge Foundation is derived from the CHP's 1199 Foundation, which benefits CHP officers and families on levels that no other organization can fulfill. The Eagle and Badge Foundation will be supported through donations, memberships and fundraising efforts. Arthur M. Kassel has been appointed as the President of the Foundation by unanimous decision of the Board of Directors.

Highlighted on this center spread, is a recent fundraising event for one of our League member's child, a boy named Jake. Jake is in need of a specially trained dog, and the family is attempting to raise the money to have Jake's dog trained. The Eagle and Badge Foundation would have the means to pay for the specialized dog that they need. The Eagle and Badge Foundation has been introduced to your League Delegates, who have been given the emblems and associated identification cards. We hope to have our first annual event in November 2001. I will keep you informed through future articles and announcements.



## JAKE Office





# FOUNDATION



## JAKE'S DOG: Sgt. Von Voigt's Son Needs Help

**Jake Von Voigt** is the son of Sgt. Robert Von Voigt from LAPD's Hollywood Division and his wife Marie Von Voigt. Jake is a seven-year-old child with moderately severe autism and is not able to speak!

Autism is a brain disorder that affects the part of the brain that processes response, socialization, communication and personal interaction. The motion picture "Rainman" depicts an autistic person.

Jake is an "Eloper" also called a "Runner." An autistic "Runner" is one who has an unusual ability to silently figure out ways to escape the safety of his caregivers, both at home and school.

Locks, alarms and walls are no challenge for this highly resourceful child.

A lost child strikes terror in the heart of any parent. But searching for a child who cannot respond verbally compounds the panic of parents, teachers and police officers who are searching.

The life expectancy of an autistic "Runner" is 12 years. Jake often escapes the safety of his home and school to explore the outside world. Because he is so young and autistic, he is unaware of the grave dangers he faces.

As an example, recently Jake escaped the safety of his school and not understanding the dangers of heavy traffic, he wandered down the center of a heavily traveled street, oblivious of the danger.

No matter how many security measures Jake's family and school may take, he is still able to figure out a way to "RUN" from the protection of his environs.

The Von Voigts' solution to protect and locate Jake after he escapes is a big loveable Labrador Retriever named Boo.

Boo is being trained to track and locate Jake through his scent, the same way a police K-9 tracks the scent of a suspect. The Von Voigts' biggest challenge now is obtaining the funding to pay for Boo's special training which is very expensive. They are seeking assistance from Law Enforcement family and friends.

An account has been established with the Wish Makers, a non-profit organization that assists with fund-raising. All donations are tax deductible.

If you would like to help, please make your donations to Jake's Dog in care of: The Wish Makers, 9 Premier Court, Chico, CA 95928-4335; (530) 893-0859.

### Deputy Chief Kalish was at the Jake's Walk-a-Thon Representing West Bureau

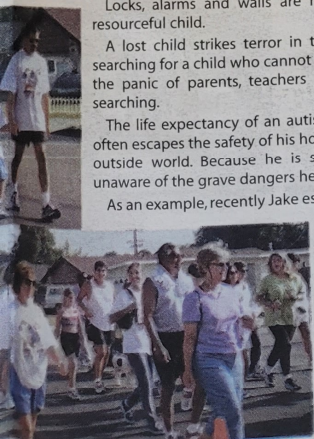
Chief Kalish has consistently demonstrated that he cares about the officers in his command and attending Jake's Walk-a-Thon while on vacation is evidence of that fact.

Another interesting thing is that Chief Kalish frequently goes to a division in West Bureau and works an eight hour shift on patrol. He sends the other officer out into the bureau to examine and evaluate the status of the bureau. In other words, "What's the status of the division and the bureau?"

Kalish told the *Blue Line* that the P-IIs and P-IIIs have come up with remarkably insightful observations and advice.



Marie Von Voigt and son Jake.





# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Jeff Churchill  
Newton Division

Unit and later admitted to USCMC for a 72-hour hold.

Great job Monica and Raquel!

## All In The Family

It was two of the three Bakotich's working Newton Day Watch Patrol on July 25, 2001. Mathew and his Uncle Nick finally worked together now that Matt is off probation. Nick had to hurry since Matt was on the "wheel" to Communications Division.

Matt's father, Pete, works Detective Support Division's Fugitive Section and is a former Newtonite.



## Special Olympics Torch Run:

On June 23, 2001, Newton Operations Support Division Commanding Officer Sharyn Buck and Detective Mike Lewis joined Sergeant Phil Alaniz and



other Newton CLEAR officers participating in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. This squad of runners braved the mid-day heat as they traversed a 6-mile course through Newton Area. While supporting the Special Olympics, the officers were a visual reminder of the Area's commitment to the community.

## Ins And Outs:

See ya goes to Sergeant Kinard Moffatt who's off to Southeast, Officer Ernie Williams is crossing the freeway to Southwest, Officers Matt Bakotich, Robert Metoyer, and Daniel Rubalcava are going down to Communications Division.

Welcome to Newton goes to Sergeant George Brietigam from Southeast, Sergeant John Damico from ECCCS, Officer Ryan Bellows from Transit Bus Division, Officer Victor Gamboa from Wilshire, Officer Tara (not Teara) "Catsup" Kessop from Communications (I think we'll just call her Mayo), Officer Gabriel Lopez from Communications, Officer John Negrete from Pacific, Officer Rogelio Sandoval from Communications and finally Officer Rutilio Villarreal from Central Division.

## New Newtonites:

Juana Chavez, wife of Officer Cesar Chavez gave birth to Janel on July 21, 2001 at 1:27am weighing in at 6 pounds

5 ounces with a length of 17 inches. Cesar while bonding with his new family purchased a used 22-foot open bow saltwater fishing boat.

Lisa Thompson wife of Officer Tommy Thompson gave birth to



Isabella on July 1, 2001, at 10:02am weighing at 7 pounds 1 ounce with a length of 20 inches.

I can't remember if I did the Golden's, so here it is:

Brenda Golden wife of Officer Robert Golden gave birth to Kevin on May 14, 2001, at 8:37am weighing at 6 pounds 9 ounces with a length of 19 inches.

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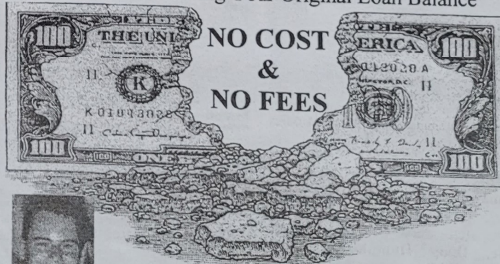
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by Tom Fox  
Central Traffic Division

### In & Outs of CTD

CTD welcomes officers: Sgt. K. Custard, #27665, comes to CTD from ID-MET; Sgt. J. Sands, #26763, comes to CTD from North Hollywood.

Mike Flynn has returned to full duty after surgery from his t/c last December. Welcome back, Mike. Ray Hallenbeck returns to duty after being IOD since January, 2000, from his t/c. Welcome back, Ray. Lizarraga has returned to full duty after his t/c three months ago. Welcome back, Hippy.

### Retiring

Retiring Sgts. Rich Rinker, Sam Barron and Motor Officer Bill Rugh received proclamations from the City Council for their service to the city of Los Angeles. Officers from CTD wish all of you a great retirement.

### Bandit Taxi

CTD reserve officers and volunteers, Officers Ray Bergeron, Tom Fox, city of Los Angeles DOT taxi detail conducted their monthly bandit taxi detail in Central and Rampart Divisions. There

Sixteen citations were written in Hollenbeck; forty citations and three impounds in Northeast Division. A very successful day and a good job done by all involved, thanks to the reserve officers and volunteers for volunteering.



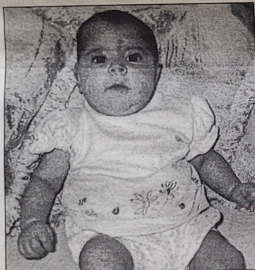
were seven arrests made for 71.02(a) LAMC and 654.1 PC, seven vehicles were impounded. Four of the drivers were driving on suspended driver's licenses, two were repeat offenders.

On July 28th, CTD reserves and volunteers along with Officers Ray Bergeron, Tom Fox, Motor Officer Wayne Wall conducted their second reserve officer ped sting detail. Reserve officers and volunteers walked across the streets at uncontrolled intersections in the crosswalks while uniformed officers watched for the violation [21950(a) vc, failing to yield to ped in crosswalk].

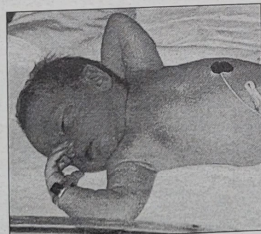
Marlon Lindsey, #30781, and Kevin Turner, #31615, who are North Hollywood officers of the month for June, July, August and September. These officers are extremely dedicated officers who make numerous arrests. These officers are well deserving of this honor.

### Little Blessings

Congratulations to Officer Mike Paris and Mary who are the proud parents of Britany Helene Paris born on



Britany Helene Paris (A.K.A. Mini Mike).



Blake Patrick Shlesinger, 8.9 lbs., 20 1/2 inches.

March 19, 2001. Britany weighed 5 lbs., 14 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Officer Bob Schlesinger and Stacy are the proud parents of Blake Patrick Schlesinger who weighed a little over 8 lbs. Everyone is doing great.

### Congratulations

Mike Rippe and Natalie Estrada tied the knot on May 5, 2001, in Las Vegas. They are now living happily ever after. Congratulations!!

North Hollywood Division

### Special Olympic Torch Run

Once again North Hollywood participated in the annual Special Olympic Torch Run. The first day Hollywood Division handed the torch off to us and we ran an easy four miles across Ventura Blvd. and handed it off to Van Nuys Division. The following day, the torch once again passed through our division. Devonshire handed it off and we began the grueling eight mile run through the heat and the busy streets of North Hollywood. The team stuck together throughout the run and handed it off to Burbank PD. Special thanks to Officer Nancy Reeves who, as always, was there to organize and support the runners.



After the 8 mile run. M. Kline, D. Humphries, H. McElwee, E. Dominguez, K. Tolliver, M. Garza, and D. Chavez.

Assisting Nancy were Officers Ruben Derma and Mike Jensen in the follow vehicles. North Hollywood runners who participated were Officers Monica Kline, Doug Humphries, Heath McElwee, Ed Dominguez, Matt Garza, Diana Chavez, Maria Frommeling, Dets. Mike Coffey, Steve Bishop, Ken Sanchez, and Craig Taylor, and Sgt. Kyle Tolliver. See everyone next year.

### Officers of the Month

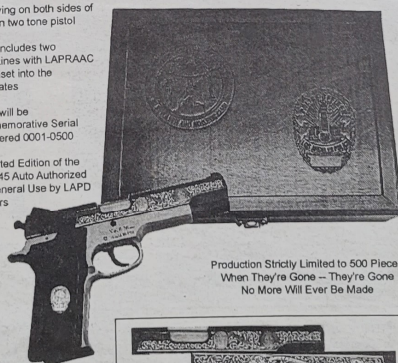
Congratulations to Officers John Smith, #24687, Marc Pooler, #25194,

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Chapin & Cueto  
Devonshire Division

### Homicide #01-6 Update

On April 23, 2001, at 1850 hours, victim Caroline Laffleur was shot to death while seated inside her ice cream vending truck, in the 8500 block of Variel Ave. The motive for the slaying appeared to be a robbery. Following a lengthy and highly involved investigation by Homicide Detectives, the likely suspect was identified as a 17-year-old "Van Ness Gangster." Search warrant and probable cause arrest warrants were obtained relative to the minor. With the assistance of the Devonshire CLEAR Unit, the warrants were served on July 12, 2001, at the Canoga Park residence of the minor. He was taken into custody without incident. The case was presented to the District Attorney on July 13, 2001, for filing consideration and a murder charge, with alleged special circumstances, were secured.

### Gang Trends

Bryant Street continues to be Devonshire Area's most active street gang. Bryant Street continues to conduct narcotic sales on a constant basis. During this reporting period, intelligence-gathering efforts revealed that Bryant Street members are armed and find refuge from

police abatement in abandoned apartments within the complex.

NLR (Nazi Low Riders) continue their narcotic activity by operating suspected methamphetamine or "meth labs" within the Devonshire Area. Our intelligence efforts reveal the NLR members are responsible for large quantities of "meth" and supplying the Hispanic gang members within the Devonshire Area. Other activities include transportation and sales of illicit weapons.

### Maintaining a Positive Work Environment

The PM Watch Commander awarded the "Officer of the Month" mug to P.O. II Will Skett, #35388. Skett had the highest overall productivity for both early PMs and mid-PMs. Skett's peers were supportive of his recognition; however, several friendly verbal challenges for the next month were proclaimed. Congrats!

### All in a Day's Work

On July 6, 2001, at approximately 1200 hours, Devonshire Area Day Watch Officers David Stirling, #26707, and Marlon Fields, #33610, responded to a radio call to meet the off-duty LAPD officer standing by at the scene of a child alone in the Vons parking lot. Upon arrival, the officers observed two children, ages seven weeks and 19 months old, locked in a gray minivan with only the rear wing windows open approximately one inch. According to the witnesses, including the off-duty officer, Edward Acosta, #33104, of the Rampart Area, who made the original 911 call, the children may have been alone in the vehicle in the 90-degree heat for approximately 30 minutes. Prior to the response from his 911 call, Acosta fed a cup of ice water to the young victims through the wind-wing window. Along with LAPD personnel, the

officers were preparing to force entry into the vehicle when the mother of the children emerged from the market.

The officers immediately ordered her to open the vehicle and took the children into protective custody. The children were suffering from heat exhaustion and were treated and transported to Northridge Hospital for further treatment. The mother was arrested and booked for felony child endangerment. Despite the fact that the mother was the suspect in a felony crime, the officers treated her and her family with respect and dignity and showed a level of compassion for the victims and overall professionalism in carrying out their duties. Additionally, the officers cooperated with the news media in support of the Department's media relations goal to provide the public with accurate and beneficial public safety information. The District Attorney's office has filed felony child endangerment charges against the mother. Good job!

### 2001 Valley League Champions

Congratulations to the Devonshire softball league on a great season.



Top row: Tim Moss, Jason Sharman, Phil Ruiz, Eric Solter, Eric Johnson, Ron Dickenson, Isaac Galvan, Ernie Fischer, Gabe Rodriguez, Tim Walla, Joe Ramirez. Bottom row: Kenny Bryant, Sid Gonzales, Freddie Aleman, Kristin Merrill, Carlos Barrios and Baby Barrios.

### Like Father, Like Son

Prior to hitting the streets of Devonshire, Sgt. L. Farell, #15517, discussed the good old days with his son, P-



Loren Farell and Corey Farell. Cyber cop vs. OBS cop.

2 C. Farell, #34969, who was on loan from 77th Division for the evening to work with his dad. Sgt. Farell pulled rank and drove for the evening.

### Wedding Bliss

Congratulations to P-2 M. Clymer, #35204, and his new bride, Patricia, who were married May 12, 2001, in Granada Hills. On hand to help the couple celebrate



Clymer, Depasquale, Cantrell, Fard, Homez and Cueto.

were Officer M. Depasquale, #35341, R. Cantrell, #33904, M. Fard, #35084, F. Cueto, #34630, and S. Gomez, #32085.

### Hellos and Goodbyes

Warm welcomes to Sgt. I. H. Surrena, #24954, P-3 D. Esparza, #35049, P-4 D.

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# 77th All American Division

by Maria C. Marquez  
77th Street

## To Protect and Serve...I Do

Congratulations to Officer **Tami Rasmann** and **Kevin Brawner**, who on July 14th became husband and wife. The Rev. **Ferol Robbins** (77th Street Divisional Chaplain) presided over the ceremony which was held by the ocean cliffs off of San Simcon. It was a private, small ceremony attended by close family members and past partners. Kevin worked 77th Street (12A15) in the late



1990s and Tami is currently assigned to the same basic car. The happy couple honeymooned up the coast and are now back home and to work. Many, many happy years to the both of you.

## Detectives Say Thank You to Patrol

On July 26th, 77th Detectives chipped in and hosted a BBQ for patrol. It was their way of saying "thank you" for all of the hard work patrol has done for them



this year. The officers were treated to carne asada, chicken, rice, beans and salad! It was a lot of hard work on a very warm day. We had Det. **Tina Villalobos** as the OIC. Det. **John "Clever Man" Arredondo**, Det. **Karen "Chopper"**

**Jones**, Tom "Pie-Man" **Sokarda**, Det. **Mason "BBQ" Burroughs**, and Det. **Rocky "Jack of all Trades" Sato**. The favorite on-scene detective for the day was no doubt Det. **D.C. "Chicken or Breast" Webb** (not pictured). You really had it going on, D.C.! It was indeed a commendable event! Great job, everybody. Special thanks to that handsome one in the middle, **Andy Garcia** (Tina's nephew) for having such a nice "Nina" who was behind this morale boosting event!

## Long, Hot Summer Nights

Things are continuing to stay busy at the Division. It is like we have gone back to the 1980s where you handle Code 2 high calls all night long. Code 7 is on the hood of your car, and that is between perimeters or booking bodies. P.I.R.s are done at the end of your shift, or while you are on a perimeter. Overtime is at an all time high and things are looking good for job security! Not too many probationers to train these days, and that is too bad because this would surely be a time when they could learn just about everything it takes to be a cop! All in all, I would have to say that life is good!

## You Never Know Where You'll Find a Story

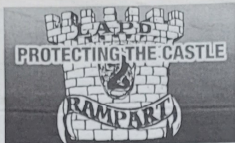
On June 15th I attended my niece's kindergarten graduation in San Pedro, and lo and behold there is Officer **Tom Garcia**, #33914, and his graduating son, "Jeremy." It is a small world, and it is these kids who will hopefully make the difference. So stay involved with your



kids and do not let this job become your priority. With both parents having to work these days, we need to take that extra step!

To all of you parents who also had children graduating, congratulations to you as well. It is a long haul from kindergarten to college. Not only can your child be proud, but a part of the glory is yours as well. Congratulations to everyone.

I am on vacation and I am out of here... You guys be safe!



by James Torneo  
Rampart Division

## Transfers & Promotions

We start off with a few sergeants who are on the transfer this month—Sgt. **S. Guzman** to Foothill, Sgt. **C. Brown** to Pacific, and Sgt. **E. Holder** to Wilshire. Then we also have a few detectives on the transfer—Dil **J. Sheriff** to 77th (Just remember, John, if 77th doesn't put a team in for flag football this year, you are always welcome here, OK?), Dil **E. Jones** to Foothill, and Dil **P. Torres** is off to Hollenbeck. P-3 **M. Glenn** is going to Risk Management Group, P-2 **T. Jenneman** went to Hollywood, and P-2 **R. Ford** is off to school in West L.A. Good luck to you all in your new assignments, and best wishes.

D2 **K. Wiseman** is now a D3 over at 3rd and Union—congrats. We are also getting a few old faces back to Rampart and a couple of new ones too. Newly promoted DIs include **S. Eguchi**, and **S. Hosea** from Metro. If they keep sending you guys over here from Metro, we may have to rename the Division. Sgt. **N. Aldana** makes a return appearance from Central Bureau as well as Sgt. **G. Briefgim** from Southeast. Welcome back to you both. P-3 **C. McLaren** from Hollenbeck, P-2 **T. Kessop** from Communications, and P-1 **L. Pena** from Newton, welcome.

I would like to congratulate the **Frus** family for the new addition to their family, a new baby boy by the name of **Mitchell Dean**. Mitchell was born on July 2nd at 8:07 a.m. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 20.5 inches. Mom and baby are both doing great. Congrats to you both.

I would like to take a moment and tell a story about one lucky School Police Officer, and why you should always—always—wear your vest. It was a regular day when he arrived at work; probably the same way he had arrived hundreds of times before. A girl told him of some suspicious guys in a stairwell—nothing



Mitchell Dean Frus.

specific, just a bit out of the ordinary. The School Police Officer went to take a look to see what was going on and found a guy in the stairwell that looked a little suspicious, so he called out to him. Before the School Police Officer knew it, a second guy appeared from out of nowhere, and started to shoot at the officer. The officer felt something hit him in the ribs, and the force of it knocked him off of his feet. The officer pulled his gun from his fanny pack and returned fire and the guys fled the area. When responding officers got to the scene, they observed a bullet hole in the officer's shirt, right about at the 4th rib, down on his right side. The officer was still alert, talking and able to move around with no problems, though. When his shirt was removed, the Bullet Proof Vest that he was wearing also had a bullet hole. The big difference was that unlike the hole in his shirt, the hole in his vest did not go all the way through. The bullet was still lodged inside of the vest, and was not his body. After they checked out the officer, they discovered that he only had a bruise on his ribs, with a small welt, and a sore back and butt from the fall. Thanks to the vest, that is all that he suffered.

I know that the vests are uncomfortable, hot and a pain in the butt sometimes, but if you only need it that one time, it is well worth all that discomfort. Just ask this police officer. This story had a happy ending. The guy was able to go home to his wife and kids, and is still alive and kicking—all because he listened to common sense, and wore his vest.

This story should just confirm to you why we wear vests. If you are not wearing your vest out there, you should ask yourself why not. If you don't wear it for you, then wear it for the ones that are at home waiting for you to come home.

Till next month, stay safe out there and keep up the great work...

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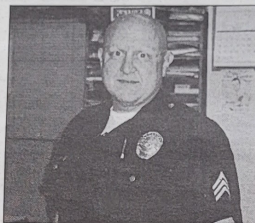
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Hollywood is HOT and I don't mean the weather. As the temperature rises so does the call load. With all the clubs and attractions in the division every knuckle head...(sorry, client) in LA passes through Hollywood sooner or later.

On June 30th, bike Officers **Vic Lopez** and **Cathy Rysmyza**, were riding in the area of Sunset Blvd. and Sierra Bonita, when the victim of an attempted grand theft flagged them down. The victim pointed to a male suspect who tried to steal her purse. Officer Lopez attempted to detain the suspect who entered a nearby van and wedged himself in the front passenger seat. He ignored all commands, became combative, and the fight was on. The officers were struggling to remove the suspect from the van when his girlfriend snuck into the driver's seat and tried to drive off. In the process she struck both officers with the van not once, but **TWICE!** Now that's criminal intent! Battered and bruised, both officers remained in the game. Despite their best efforts the suspects were able to speed away, running over the officers' bikes in the process. A

passing, a public witness the incident and stopped to offer help. Lopez and Rymasz jumped in (only in Hollywood) and began searching the area. Unfortunately, sheriff's deputies found the van abandoned a short while later. A diligent follow-up investigation by Hollywood homicide detectives led to the DA filing multiple charges against both suspects, including ADW on a police officer. Since then, every copper in the Division has been combing the area. On July 15th, morning watch officers, **Paul Segura** and **Stanley Shen**, detained a possible suspect matching the description of the male, but the subject was not a street person. The suspect and provided several follow-up locations. The next day, officers **Sean Hivacan**, **Hugo Ayon**, **Sheila Rizzolo**, and **Ernesto Aron**, under the supervision of Detectives **John Miller**, **Thomas Chevolek**, and **Ed Parry**, made the



Sergeant Tredy.

rounds and finally took the male suspect into custody. Great teamwork! The female suspect remains outstanding at this time but has been seen in the area.

On July 18th, Sgt. Fred Treddy and Air Cadet **Butch Stowell** and **Gil Cannon** monitored a burglary call in the eight-hundred block of Martel. The comments of the call included a description of the suspect and his vehicle. On arrival the air unit observed the suspect leaving the location and advised responding units. Sgt. Treddy picked up the vehicle several blocks away, at which time, the would be burglar decided to hit the gas. After a short pursuit, perimeter was set and K-9 response, which was taken into custody. In follow up interview the suspect admitted he was recently released from prison for GTA and burglary. You guessed it. His vehicle was also a Wilshire stolen. They never learn. Sgt. Treddy by all and kudos to Spt. Great! Hey Sarge,



Julie Boyer and Chantilly Lace

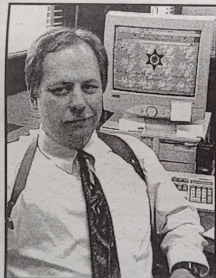
Turns out our own Julie Boyer is quite the equestrienne. Anyone who has worked with Julie knows she is one of the hardest working veterans in Hollywood. Recently Julie was featured in a newspaper article with her horses Kipling and Chantilly Lace. In addition to chasing bad guys and issuing personal service citations to the dozens, she finds time to

Air 8 said their FLIR unit picked a very hot object in the area of the pursuit. Any ideas?

Welcome Sgt. 1 **R. Perez** from VNYS P2 C. **Butler** is coming in from Dev and is assigned to PED. P2 **T. Epperson** arrives from NHWD and P2 **T. Jenneman** comes up from RAMP. Welcome to all. New P2 dog **R. Campos** finally hit the wheel and is going underground...to Communications. He thought he was going spend his entire career in Hollywood. Good luck.

After 24 years serving Los Angeles, Sgt. **Jim Mateer**, Hollywood's Bike Unit supervisor, is pulling the pin and cycling off to greener pastures...NOT. Sgt. Mateer is retiring to join the Ontario Airport Police/Fire Department. He begins a four-month fire academy in August and will be assigned dual firefighter/police officer status on completion of the program. We're all wishing you the best, sir.

I was approached by a citizen the other day who let me know how much she appreciates our work. I occasionally get the "thumbs up" from passing motorists too. All the politics, rancor, infighting, and media negativity aside remember the majority of people support us. Your hard work and dedication here benefit communities outside the City of Los Angeles too. And that's where most of us spend our time.



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# WTD

## Westside Story

by Allan Rabina  
West Traffic Division

The end of summer is quickly approaching and with that the motor list goes even lower. WTD officers Kyle Lee, Ric Hernandez, and Rigo Bonilla, along with Sgt. Chris Kunz were picked for the next motor class. As of week #2 of the school, all were doing well. It looks like the city will be giving out four free motorcycles to these guys. Good luck, guys. We hope you can all come back to WTD. (Even you, Rigo.)

Speaking of motors, I would like to wish a fond farewell to my good friend, Steve "Slinko" Slinsky. Steve made motors and is now at VTD. Steve was the kind of guy that made you laugh, even when there was absolutely nothing to laugh about. Steve was also the kind of guy and police officer that you could count on to back you up, no matter how cluster-filled your caper was. I know I will sorely miss him. Stevareno, good luck and be careful on that motorcycle, buddy. I know Pipes Tomolosso will miss showering with you in the locker room (separate stalls, of course).

As always, WTD officers and supervisors have distinguished themselves with outstanding capers.

Sgt. Russ Kilby, while off duty, eating at a restaurant near his home, came to the aid of a choking citizen. The other restaurant patrons became crippled with helplessness but Sgt. Kilby rose to the occasion and applied the "Heimlich" and was able to dislodge the item the lady was choking on. Good job, Sarge. I am sure her family was glad that a Los Angeles Police Officer was there to save their loved one's life.

Speaking of off-duty capers, Bob Rodriguez was on his way to work one day, assigned to AM watch, when he observed an overturned vehicle, engulfed in flames on the freeway. Bob, without regard for his own safety, and without the luxury of an ASTRO radio, stopped to assist the victims. Bob dismounted from his Harley Davidson and attempted to assist the victims out of the burning wreckage. As other citizens helped to pull the front passengers out of the vehicle, Bob's statement, and Bob

went about his business as if nothing much happened. Bob, however, remains very humble about the incident, telling the story with the same tone of voice as if he were telling a story about pulling weeds out of his backyard.

Bob and Sgt. Kilby are exactly what Los Angeles Police Officers are all about. They inspire the type of pride that we all wanted to feel when we joined the LAPD.

Congratulations go to Kelly Clemons, now Kelly Montgomery. Kelly and her new husband, Lt. Greg Montgomery, tied the knot a few weeks ago in a fairy-tale wedding fit for a Princess and her King. Kelly was a beau-



tiful bride and the L T was said to be pretty sharp (for potential Command Staff). We wish the both of you long life and good health. L T, I heard Kelly in the report writing room saying that the laundry better be done before she gets home!

Our best wishes go to our good friend, Pete "Pistol Pete" Tulagan. Pete has just left us for the Ventura Police Dept. Ventura has gained an outstanding police officer. Pete's integrity was unquestioned, his work ethic was unmatched, and his dedication to the profession was exemplary. Pete loves police work, he loves serving the community, and he strives to be the best. Those of us who know Pete know him by his nightly saying after roll call, "Let's make a difference tonight." It was sometimes said in jest, but deep down you know he meant it and expected the same of all the officers on the watch. You will be missed, Pete, not only by your partners here at WTD, but by the citizens of Los Angeles. Be careful out there in Ventura.

Finally, a quote from the venerable Steve Slinsky. "Before you book a flight on Priceline, go directly to the Airline's Web site first. You get a pretty good on the Web site."

## We DARE you to make a difference

by Mark Horton  
D.A.R.E. Division

### NDOA (National DARE Officers Association)

LAPD DARE Division hosted the 14th annual National DARE Officers Conference at the L.A. Convention Center from 7/30-8/3/2001. There was in excess of 2,000 law enforcement personnel present at the event.

The week-long event included a (4-person scramble) golf tournament at Griffith Park golf course, a 5K fun run at Elysian Park, community projects at 9th Street Elementary (flower planting) and Children's Hospital, family night at Universal Studios and a banquet with Jay Leno (the late night talk show host) who had everyone in stitches.

The culminating activity occurred on Friday, 8/3/2001, when P-3 Officer Josuel Gooden, #24918, was inaugurated as the National DARE Officers Association (NDOA) 1st president.

P-3 Officer Greg White, #20661, was re-elected as the (CDOA) California DARE Officers Association 1st Vice President and P-3 Officer Mercy Crenshaw, #23136, was elected CDOA region #4 President.

### Newborn

Congratulations to P-3 Officer Jerome Divinity, #27037, and his wife, Felicia, who gave birth to Miles Divinity, who



checked in on 6/24/01. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 oz. The last we heard, Felicia is recovering well and dad (Jerome) is tired. Could it be the intermittent basketball games or "the morning watch feedings"? Miles is seen here just chillin'.

### Get Well Soon

DARE Division wishes and prays that Sgt. II Dan Miller, #21382, has a speedy recovery. We are just not the same without you.

### Transfers

P-3 Officers D. Fettes, #31727, R. Melendez, #24279, and F. Ochoa, #25743, have transferred over to Northeast Division. Good luck and stay safe.

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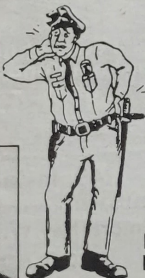
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



### M.S.D. Notes

by Dollie Swanson  
Management Services Division

Imagine it—Sitting at home early Sunday morning, sipping coffee and reading the paper, and suddenly the telephone rings. It's your Captain, and he wants you to report to work the next day at O-dark-30 in uniform with riot gear. Several of us answered that call from Capt. Mike Chambers and found ourselves at the DWP facility downtown working the Lakers homecoming victory celebration. All in all, it was great fun and definitely a step out of the ordinary for an orders writer. It was great to see Comm. Dan Koenig in full regalia supervising police lines near Staples Center. So many of our personnel are in line for promotion or soon will be, having made the lieutenant list or taken

sergeant's school. MSD bids a sad farewell to the upwardly mobile Sgt. II Jim Gavin, an all-around great individual, who also made the lieutenant's list and is headed to IAG along with former MSDite Wayne Levins. Sgt. II Whit Pauly is headed to the Consent Decree Task Force, and P-III Valerie Gettis is going to work at the Office of Special Assistant.

On the baby front, P-III Dan Andersen and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl, Sabrina Danielle. Hurry back, Dan, your Desert Story picture misses you. Word has it that former PADS staffers Dan Hudson and Nate Barry are also expecting. Couldn't happen to nicer guys (OK, that's only half true—thanks for the George W. Bush screensaver, Nate.) By the time you read this, our own Ruby Lopez will have delivered her bundle of joy. Staffers precelebrated by throwing a huge spread,



When E.F. Hutton talks...Poor Ed Spurling (center) can't seem to find an audience. Sean Parker (left) and MSD newcomer Bill Kelly just don't seem interested.



MSD staffers at the Laker's Victory Celebration.

the sergeant's exam. Congrats go out to Sgt. II Suzanna Bower, MSD's top scorer on the lieutenant's list, as well as Sgt. II Kris Kenney and Sgt. II Bob Arcos who were a hair's breadth behind. Other MSD staffers who made the list: Vic Dennis, Dennis Ballas, Stephanie Moten, and Brian Raffish.

Welcome back to P-III Travonne Dixon who recently returned from

Someone said the playpen would be put to better use by P-III Sean Parker, but Ruby insisted on taking it home. Welcome to all the new people: SGTs W. DeBord, L. Powell, and S. Moten, Shagrila Rendon, April Silva and Elsa Hernandez. P-III Rachel Agnew is on the mend and doing nicely following surgery last month. Rachel, you are definitely missed.

featuring homemade Baklava, an endeavor produced and directed by our own 5150 expert, P-III Craig Valenzuela (his fiancée actually made it). Lopez was presented with a \$50 certificate to BABIES 'R US and a brand new playpen.



by Det. Tom Wich  
Robbery Homicide Division

### Commendable Incident

The following was provided by Detectives Jack "Mr. Robbery" Giroud and his partner, Brett Richards, Robbery Specials.

Beginning on May 20th of this year, a lone male suspect began to rob mini-markets in the West Valley and Devonshire Areas. The suspect, nicknamed "The Hooded Bandit" would enter the locations, simulate a handgun and demand currency. This suspect concealed his identity by pulling the hood of his sweat jacket over his head and wearing a bandanna with eyeholes over his face. Between May 20th and the date of his arrest, July 26th, the Hooded Bandit would be responsible for 50+ mini-market 211s. Based on the number of rob-

Skinner, #24085, Swift, #30803, and Stamps, #14335, responded. The officers deployed and took the "surprised" suspect into custody as he exited the location.

The suspect, who was interviewed by RHD Detectives Giroud and Richards, along with Officer Harpster, waived his rights and "copped out" to over 50 robberies. The case was presented to DDA Winston, Career Criminal Unit, who in turn filed 52 counts of 211. The "Hooded Bandit" will now be looking to a long life behind bars.

We at RHD want to commend the fine officers from Metro. These officers spent countless hours (nearly one month) staking out these locations. For any of you that have conducted stakeouts, you know that this is a very tedious assignment, especially in mid-summer with the temperature close to 100, that requires officers to remain sharp and alert at all times. These officers again exemplify what great professionals we have working for the citizens of Los Angeles.

### More Commendable Incidents

Just a pat on the back for the men and women at RHD. All our detectives assigned to Rapes, Homicide and Robbery continue to do an outstanding



Brynn Kathryn McCarthy. Born 5-31-01, 8lbs, 19 inches, with her big sister Maggie. Parents Captain Kevin McCarthy and Lieutenant Debbie McCarthy (Rape Specials).

job handling multiple cases. I would just like to take this time to commend Robbery Specials and the Bank Squad (under the guidance of Lt. J. Grayson) for their outstanding work. During a one-week period this past July, these detectives were put to the test. During this week the detectives responded to two armed takeover bank robberies. During one of the robberies the victims were tied up and one bank employee was shot and wounded. The detectives also handled four kidnap investigations and one

extortion. Live line-ups were run including one with 60 witnesses.

These investigations were very complex and time consuming. RHD utilized the assistance of divisional officers and detectives including Metro SWAT and K-9, Air Support ASTRO and Special Flights, detectives from SIS and finally SID Electronics. Many of these crimes occurred at off-hours requiring the detectives to respond from home (then finding parking for the family car). As a result of their hard work, all of the kidnap victims were rescued without injury to them or any of our officers and a total of nine suspects (five for kidnap and four for extortion) were arrested.

What a week! Well, that's it. Hope your summer has been fun. Until next time, BE SAFE.

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# Whatz Up With Wilshire

by Gordon Helper  
Wilshire Division

Well, Mid-City has been rockin' again. We have had a busy month with little or no sleep for most of it. The month of July started quiet; however, on a warm Thursday evening that was all about to change. Midday watch officers were winding down the day and preparing to go EOW. PM watch units were buying the calls from Middays, as they always do. Everything seemed to be fine until a call came out of a citizen reporting a possible bank robbery at the Wells Fargo Bank on Wilshire Blvd. and Kingsley St. Initially officers began to respond Code-2 high thinking the all came from a possible 5150. Not one minute later another call came in of possible employees being inside the bank tied up. A unit began to respond code-3. Mid-Day watch units began to pour out of the station as well as anyone else who could get their hands on keys for a black and white. What had seemed like a long day just got longer.

Unit 7A29 Officer's Landry and Shaw arrived first. They began to broadcast information that bumped up the urgency for units to respond faster and in numbers. Now if you have ever worked Wilshire Division or even traveled through Wilshire then you know how busy it can be. So any response from any location in the city was going to take time. Well it turns out that it appeared as though we had half the Department at scene along with the FBI. Officers came from as far as Pacific Div. and as close as Rampart Div. Metro responded and sent teams in to assist with officers to conduct a search of a 30-story building and an 8-story parking structure for possible suspects that may have gone up the elevators to avoid escape. As the hours dragged on, it appeared as though the suspects had fled the location and were able to escape the massive perimeter that had been set up. It is probable that the suspects had escaped long before police were notified due to the bank employees being tied up.

It is well known that this department is suffering some setbacks and morale is down but for five to six hours it didn't matter how bad things were or how bad they were going to get. Everyone did their job and they did it with the utmost professionalism. We seem to believe that most people only see us for the uniform, the badge and the title, but for that evening we were again heroes. Officers who had never even met each other conducted a search with perfect strangers standing beside them. Did that matter? No, because it was the way we were trained. Some may believe that this may be just smoke blown up, but when you are at an incident of this magnitude, all you have to do is take a minute, stand back, and look at the awesome strength of the Los Angeles Police Dept.

There are a few people I would like to signal out, and I'm sure you of those that were there agree with me, that just managed to take control of a deadly situation and fix it. Those being 7120, Sgt. Reyes and Capt. Moore of Rampart Div. Let me close this incident by saying that everyone involved did a good job and should be commended.

## Arrivals

Welcome to the following personnel who will be now working for the fastest and busiest division in the city of Los Angeles. In from Rampart, Sgt. Holder. From WVAL, Sgt. Khan. Det. Smith, #1172, will be coming from SW.



Rylee Elizabeth Bedard. Born November 12, 2000, 5:25 pm, 8lbs, 20.5 inches long. Proud parents Jeannine Flores-Bedard and Arthur Bedard.

Congratulations to Officer Urena who promoted to P-3 and who is coming from SW. Good friend of mine and an all around nice person, Officer Morton, coming from 77th. In from VNY, Officer Browne.

## Departures

The following personnel will be leaving us and will be sorely missed. Det. Chavez will be going to SE. Officer Martinez will be leaving his partner, Officer Blackman, now a widow carpooler, and going to SE. Officer Gamboa and Villarreal will be heading over to NEWT.

## In Closing

Congratulations to the following officers who were recently promoted from P-2 to P-3. Officer Diaz, Edwards and Jovel. Edwards, take care of my buddy, Morton.

We would like to congratulate Sgt. Arocho on the birth of a little baby boy born on June 22, 2001. Little Thomas weighed in at 7 lbs., 8 oz. Hopefully we can get a picture soon. Both mom and baby are doing fine. There are some additional people that we would like to thank for the remodeling of Wilshire Station. WCPC/Farmers Insurance, thank you for donating the tile. We have not had new tile in the station since 1973.

Congratulations to Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir who took 5th place in the Golf Tourney during the Police and Fire World Games. Sgt. Krajchir and Officer Ciuffetelli will be butting heads and kicking soccer balls during the Police Summer Games. While Sgt. II Bell will be going for place during the Golf Tourney. Good luck to all those who participated.

On a side note, we have an officer who works with us at Wilshire who is an active cyclist and cannot figure out why he should stay away from Big Bear Lake. Let me help you. If the first time you fall and receive over 15 stitches on a downhill course, you might think twice before going up again. If the second time you go up and your car breaks down seven miles before you get there, then maybe someone or something is trying to tell you something. I won't say any names (Officer Jim Breslin), but you know who you are. Next time, take an RA and make sure you have the keys to the Xterra. ♦



by Mary Dacey  
West Los Angeles Division

...and then there was SLO Officer Dennis Hinman. Need I say more?! A big baseball fan (Go, Dodgers), a crossword puzzle aficionado (well, at least he tries), and a regular class clown and bad joke teller. Dennis can be seen patrolling Brentwood and eating pizza at Maria's, bagels at Western Bagel, donuts at Stan's, tacos at Baja Fresh, coffee here and there and several other haunts. Does he know what he's doing? We certainly hope so! Can he keep up with all the citizens and catering trucks in the area? We certainly



"You silly wabbit" Slow officer Dennis Hinman, WLA, caught in the headlights of an approaching car. Run, Dennis, run!

hope so. After all, it's a tough job, but SOMEBODY'S got to do it!

Officer Dave Orozco will be honored on September 5th at the Bonaventure Hotel where he will be receiving the Medal of Valor, the highest award that can be bestowed upon an officer for going above and beyond the call of duty. Orozco's heroics were displayed when he rescued a potential suicide victim who was clinging to a high ledge by his fingers and was about to slip. Dave leaned over the railing and was so far over that he, himself, was in danger of falling to his death. Both men were pulled to safety and congratulations go out to Officer Orozco for this selfless act.

West L.A. was saddened by the recent passing of volunteer Tina Orkin,

2/25/53-7/10/01, who passed away after a heart attack. She is survived by her sister. She worked with several motor cops and helped with just about everything. "She worked here forever," said Officer Ralph Strand of Community Relations.

Det. Paul Bishop has a couple of things cooking and may be ready with a story very soon, so tune in next time...same bat time, same bat channel...

Remember this song? See you in September, see you when the summer's through...well, here it is, September already, and as fall arrives and we put our bathing suits and umbrellas back in the closets where they belong, it's time to start thinking ahead to what you will wear to this year's holiday party! After all, the holidays are right around the corner.

As always, the doors are always opening and closing around here. Sgt. 2 Heather Vanstone will be going to Commanders Group (Bye, Heather... Hope you stop by and visit from time to time and, oh yeah, we'd love some of your boyfriend's homemade cook-

ies). P2 Adam Green will be a new P3 at Wilshire. He will be missed. Look! Up in the sky, is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Supermannnn. Good luck, Adam. V. Vicari will be promoted to D2 at IAG, Det. 1 R. Garces will be heading to RMG, P3 Mike "Meow" Fisher will be going to PER, J. Camacho passed probation and will be at Communications (congratulations), and J. Macchariella will be heading to Devonshire along with R. Villalobos and T. Ismail. R. Robinson will be a MA2 at CAS. Coming in through the front door will be our very own Rich Swisher, returned to us, proving once again that they alllll come baaaack to West L.A.! Same for Rasheen Ford, who came back to us from Rampart. Hurry. Also, P2s J. Browne from Harbor, M. Applegate from Van Nuys and L. Alvarez from VTD. They will all be joining us next time for more of the news. ♦



Another mystery cop photo of the month at WLA.

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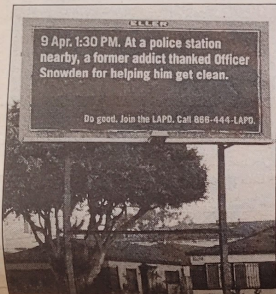


### Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts  
Pacific Division

#### Commanding Officer with "Pizzazz"

We would like to welcome Capt. III Wallace Graves to Pacific Community Police Station, and hope we can show him a "good time." (Just wait until he meets "Crazy Mary!") Capt. Graves was born in Southgate and graduated from Lynwood High School in 1966 (that's the year I was born). He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in the Administration of Criminal Justice from California State University at Los Angeles, was honorably



Who says this is a "thankless" job?

discharged from the U.S. Army in 1971, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1972 and worked his way up the ranks, promoting to Captain in July of 1999. He has worked Hollenbeck, Hollywood, 77th Street, West

Los Angeles, Harbor, Advance Planning, Officer Representation Section, Internal Affairs & Liaison Section, Office of the Chief of Police, and is now the Commanding Officer of Pacific area. Capt. Graves has an open door policy, and believe me, it has been revolving. We've even discussed purchasing a "number machine" to filter through the line at his door. He plans to make some changes (all for the better) and we look forward to his fresh new ideas. If you have anything you'd like to discuss with him, come on in...but be sure to take a number!

#### Rolling Barbecue

We had one of Pacific's original barbecues this past month, calling it a "Rolling BBQ," as it went through all three watches. There was a lot of preparation put into this BBQ due to involving all three watches, but was worth the effort to be able to include "everyone." The turnover was a bit hectic, who knew our relief was going to be stuck in a "Crime Control Meeting"? And who knew the "opportunity" money would get mixed up with the BBQ money?? (SMILE.) Oh well, it all worked out, and we want to thank everyone who assisted with the BBQ, as well as everyone who came out and ate. A special thanks to the Department of Airports who purchased about 25 meals to go! I think BBQs are going to be put on the back burner for a while, no pun intended. Maybe we'll do a bake sale next. Hope to see you all there!

#### Golf, Golf, Golf!

Don't forget...the 24th Annual Pacific Area Golf Classic will be held this month! It's on Monday, September 17th at the Wood Ranch Golf Club in Simi Valley. Check-in is at 0630 hours, with a shotgun start at 0730 hours. There will be a putting contest and a BBQ buffet lunch. The cost is \$125 per person. If you would like to participate, please contact Officer Michelle Eskridge or Sgt. Greg Glodery in the Community Relations Unit at (310) 202-4524 or 202-4525. There is limited space, so call now! See you there!

#### "Social Director" and "Overtime Wonder" Both Gone to Airport

We want to say goodbye to Miss Judith Gorum, our Commanding Officer's secretary and Pacific Area's "Social Director." She promoted to "Executive Secretary" for the Community Relations Section of the Department of Airports...how appropriate! Judith has worked for the Los Angeles Police



Judith Gorum "swings" into the Airport after eleven years of service with L.A.P.D.

Department for 11 years, all here at Pacific Area. She not only did her job, but assisted many other people with theirs as well. What will we do without her? (We're still missing the sick & IOD list.)

We also want to say goodbye to Clerk Typist Shannon Smith. Shannon has worked for LAPD for eight years (mainly at WTD and PAC-LAX) and more recently was our "Overtime Coordinator" here at Pacific. Shannon

was always here when we needed her, and made sure our "greenies" were turned in on time. We appreciate all she has done for us, and wish her the best at the Airport.

#### New Arrival

We want to congratulate Officer Debbie Lewis and hubby Chad Lewis (HARB) on the arrival of their baby boy, Maverick Dakota, on April 11, 2001, at



"Maverick Dakota Lewis" born April 11, 2001.

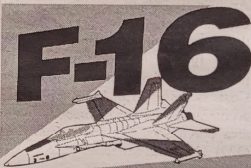
11:49 a.m. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 3 oz., and was 19 inches long. Best wishes to everyone, and congrats (Debbie) on finally having a boy!

#### Movin' Out

We want to say goodbye to the following people who recently left Pacific area: Sgt. Rick Boyle who went to SE, Det. Romero who went to SW, Officer Negrete who went to NEWT, Officer Murillo (LAX) who went to DEV, Officer Maher who went to VNYS, and Judith Gorum and Shannon Smith who both went to the Department of Airports.

#### Movin' In

We want to welcome the following people to Pacific Area: Sgt. Craig Brown in from RAMP, Det. Paglialonga, Officer Robinson and Officer Mylonakis in from SE, Officer Onthank over from WIL, Officer Espinoza in from COMM, Officer Downey in (to LAX) from TRD, and Clerk Typist Angela Castle in from RMG.



by Julian Almaraz  
Foothill Division

#### Foothill Patrol

Well, I like to talk about what partners are, and the legends that live on in the history of the division. The old partners were Sgt. Krebbs and Detective Cherry, Brooks and Keller, Serny and Bronze, Johnson and Booth, Galvin and Hardy, Benaski and Murderfore, these are some of the hard chargers who worked the area. These officers would average over two to four felony arrests a day and saved many citizens from becoming another victim.

The special thing about being a partner is that you know each other's moves and actions when conducting an investigation, arrest and are involved in an altercation. A partnership is like marriage—you are your best friend, you know each other's strong and weak points. You're there to talk about your families, friends and study together to promote. You are always there for barbecues, family camps and always have an open ear when you have to vent when your spouse upsets you. A partner is always watching your back to stop any type of rumors and

they are the other half of the A car. I was just camping with my partner and his family over in San Diego. I do miss him and the joking around. I hope he gets better soon and comes back to work. I am tired of updating his recovery to all his friends at work. Well, Norm is getting better and looks good. He needs to work on his left hand and face to complete a fully recovery.

The new breed of partners on patrol are Vosberg and Gutierrez, Smith and Yepes, Desmore and Tamora, Aragon and Sanchez, Rodriguez, and J. Smith. All these officers have their own style, some write tickets, arrest juveniles, narcotic suspects, and others would work burglars and robbery suspects. All of these officers would address a problem and find ways in solving them. Outstanding job Foothill Area Patrol Officers.

Foothill area, along with local citizens, are having several cars entered in the upcoming Cops 4 Tots car show at the academy on August 26th.

#### Foothill Area Detectives

The area Robbery Detectives are hard at work using clues and division SPU to clear many crimes. Great job Det. Robles, Quintanna, Cory and Officers Knobb, Munoz, Guertiez and Smith.

The last event we had was the area picnic, which we had over 300 kids and parents who attended. The area CRO did a great job putting on this event, thanks to Officers Stocks, Landtiser, Forman, Lonigen, Steward, Blanken, Explorers and area records employees. Outstanding job to all involved, for a fun time at the event.

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# SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

## LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow  
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

If it's Labor Day that means summer is officially over, the Dodgers and Angels have done their traditional swoon into oblivion, and it's time for the LAPRAAC sports program to begin heating up once again.

Basketball and bench press are seemingly just around the corner, the Sports Awards dinner is only 12 weeks away, and it's once again time to begin planning for next year's Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

So fasten your seat belts and hang on...it's time to get busy!

### First Meeting Set for 2002 Baker to Vegas Relay

Seems like the race just ended, didn't it? Well, there's no rest for the wicked. The first team captain's meeting for next year's Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 19. If your unit or division did not field a team this year but is looking at taking the plunge in 2002, representation at this meeting is essential! For more information, call the Athletic Director's office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218. (Meetings are held each month prior to the race. Subsequent meetings will be Oct. 17 and Nov. 14.)

For those who like to plan ahead, next year's race will be held April 20-21.

### Fall Bench Press Competition Coming Fri., Oct. 12

It's time once again to ask that now traditional question, "Is there anyone out there planning a bloodless coup d'état to overturn the Power Pigs' reign of terror?"

We'll find out soon enough at the Fall Bench Press meet, scheduled Friday, Oct. 12, at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. The Prince of Pork, Paul von Lutzow, and his merry henchmen from 77th Street, have won the last eleven matches (16 of the last 17 for von Lutzow coached teams).

Weigh-ins are scheduled Thurs., Oct. 11 at three different locations. In addition to the usual 0700-1600 at the traditional Academy Gym stage lifters can also weigh in from 0700-1300 at either the Van Nuys or 77th Street weight rooms.

Flyers and applications are available at the LAPD Athletic Director's Office. For more information, contact Officer Tony Adler at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

### Calling All Kobe and Shaq Wannabes

Time to start practicing your lay-ups and three-pointers...the 2001-2002 LAPD basketball season will soon be here. The first team captain's meeting of the season is set for Tuesday, Oct. 30, at noon in the Elysian Park Academy Lounge. If your unit or division would like a chance to keep DARE from winning its fourth straight Captain Al Nelson Tournament, you must have a representative at the meeting. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Athletic Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

### Gigi's Bargain Corner

Gigi Murphy, who runs the LAPRAAC stores, was wondering why she hadn't seen anything about the store in this column recently. It was somewhat hard to explain the whole concept of pay-offs to her, but we came to an agreement—I'd write about something special and she wouldn't use me for target practice in the gun shop. So...

Collectors of law enforcement art won't want to pass up a set of five prints by famed ex-LAPD officer Abel Reynosa, available exclusively at the LAPRAAC Academy Store. These exquisite 18"x11" prints detail the history of the badge from 1930 to the present, and, when framed, make a wonderful gift for all occasions. Cost is \$20 each.

Gun collectors still have a chance to purchase the LAPRAAC 65th Anniversary Smith and Wesson 4506 Commemorative Pistol. Only 500 of these pistols will be produced on a first-come, first-served basis, and come in a presentation box with two magazines. Cost is only \$1,062.55 and special accommodations can be made for out-of-area purchasers. For more details, call (323) 221-5222, ext. 206 or 208.

### Take Me Out to the Ball Game (Last Gasp)

LAPRAAC has blocks of Dodger tickets for five games at the end of the season. Seats are in the Inner Reserved section between the dugouts. Ducats are \$15 each and must be purchased 10 days prior to game day. Available (7:10 p.m. start unless indicated) are:

- Wed., Sept. 19—San Diego Padres
- Fri., Sat., Sun., Sept. 21-23—Arizona Diamondbacks (Sat. TBA., Sun. 1:10 p.m.)

- Tues., Sept. 25—San Francisco Giants

Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets can be purchased at the LAPRAAC Administrative Office on the main floor of the Elysian Park Academy. For more info on available games, call (323) 221-5222, ext. 201.

The Elysian Park Academy Lounge opens at 1600 when the Dodgers are playing a night game across the street. Be sure to stop by for \$1 hot dogs and \$1 beer before heading over to the stadium.

### Academy Lounge Open at Night

The Elysian Park Academy Lounge is now open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 1700-2400 hours. Stop by and wait out the traffic or just wind down before heading home after a tough day. Every payday evening is "Salsa Night"...attitude adjustment is 1600-1800 (beverage specials and free appetizers) with free Salsa lessons at 1800 and dancing at 1900.

### Not the Old Cops and Donuts Story

Every Wednesday is "Krispy Kreme"

day at the Elysian Park Academy Café. Those light, sugary gobs of fluff are available on a first-come, first-served basis for gourmands of the centerless pastry. What's better to start off "hump day" than a sugar and caffeine rush? (Apparently there's no truth to the rumor LAPRAAC will offer a 15-K run at 0900 on Wednesdays to counter the effects two Krispy Kremes have on coronary arteries.)

A reminder that the Elysian Park Academy Café reopens Tuesday through Friday at 1730 to offer a self-serve dinner during CEDP Training. Regular hours are 0600 to 1400 Monday through Friday. For more info, call Debbie or Marilyn at (323) 221-5222, ext. 215.

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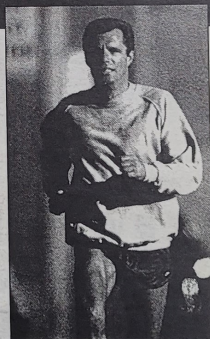
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## Los Angeles Dodgers Pay Tribute to the 2001 LAPD Medal of Valor Recipients

On Monday, September 17, 2001, the Los Angeles Dodgers will pay tribute this year's Medal of Valor recipients, Officer Mark Mireles (West Valley) and Officer David Orozco (West L.A.). The officers will take part of the pre-game festivities prior to the 7:30 p.m. game against the San Diego Padres. In addition, the Dodgers are offering special discount tickets for \$10 and may be purchased by calling Dodger representative Trey Magnuson at (323) 224-1520.

**For additional information please call Officer Joe Buscaino, Public Affairs Unit, (213) 485-3281.**





## SPORTS BEAT

### Crump and Hernandez Win 2-Ball Contest Sparks Safe and Sound Day

On July 1, 2001, several outside agencies and LAPD athletes participated in a 2-Ball Basketball Contest prior to the Sparks' game. The contest consisted of shooting for one minute from marked areas on the basketball court. Each area represented a certain number of points. Once again the LAPD athletes prevailed over the other agencies. LAPD teammates Brenda Crump and Milt Hernandez, and teammates Sharon Biggs and Perry Griffith tied in the preliminary rounds with the two highest scores. They advanced to the final round that was played at halftime during the Sparks' game at Staples Center. Crump and Hernandez pulled off a slim victory by one point in the finals to win the championship. Good job. Thanks to all the players on the LAPD Men's and Women's Basketball Teams for their participation in the event.



(L-R): Sharon Biggs, Perry Griffith, Milt Hernandez, and Brenda Crump.

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## Next LAPRAAC Golf Club Tourney Set Friday, Sept. 28, at Santa Anita

All department duffers are invited to participate in the next bi-monthly tournament sponsored by the LAPRAAC Golf Club, to be held Friday, Sept. 28, at the beautiful Santa Anita Golf Course.

For a mere \$50 (which includes greens and cart fees and prizes) golfers will be treated to a day of solitude and camaraderie along the links, plus the opportunity to "prove" their handicaps.

In addition to individual duffers, four-golfer teams representing department units are invited to compete on a first-come, first-served basis. Paid reservations by



LAPRAAC Golf Club Chairman Sal Jaramillo displays one of the trophies awarded for best score of the day.



Enjoying a relaxing day of golf with the LAPRAAC Golf Club.

Thurs., Sept. 20 are a must, but these events fill up early so now's the time to call. For reservations or more information, contact Devonshire Sgt. Damian Gutierrez at (818) 756-8279.

At the last tournament, held in late July at Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills,

Devonshire #1 walked away with the trophy for low net team and

Foothill #1 took low gross team. Among the individual players Devonshire's Pat Russell had the low gross and Foothill's Justin Mudgett won low net honors.

## THE TEN RING

by Lou Salseda

The LAPD Pistol Team competed in the Sacramento Sheriff's Reserve and Santa Cruz Sheriff's Pistol Team's matches held in Long Beach on May 19-20. Weather was perfect for these events and the World Champion LAPD Pistol Team succeeded in winning the Santa Cruz Sheriff's match.

Special honors go to Bob Barnes whose team score of 597x43 led the

way for the department victory. Congratulations also go to the new LAPD shooter Eric Bixler (on loan to CEDP II Training Division from Foothill) who took two first place awards in the Marksman ranks. Eric continues to show tremendous talent and skill.

If you're interested in shooting, please contact Rick Bennett, Pistol Team captain, at (818) 832-3752.

### SACRAMENTO MATCH

#### HIGH MASTER

Goldberg, Neil	1491-105x
Barnes, Bob	1488-102x
Salseda, Lou	1486-93x
Bennett, Rick	1481-99x
Tsunawaki, Don	1475-85x

#### EXPERT

Wernli, Lisa	1454-55x
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#### MARKSMAN

Bixler, Eric	1440-52x
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### SANTA CRUZ MATCH

#### HIGH MASTER

Barnes, Bob	1489-110x
Salseda, Lou	1484-94x
Tsunawaki, Don	1484-93x
Bennett, Rick	1483-98x
Goldberg, Neil	1483-90x

#### EXPERT

Wernli, Lisa	1458-65x
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#### MARKSMAN

Bixler, Eric	1449-53x
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Barnes, Bennett, Salseda, Tsunawaki	2375-154x
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## Centurions to Battle Baca Boyz at Sept. 22 Charity Fundraiser

Looking to make the upcoming holiday season special for underprivileged children in our communities, the LAPD Centurions Baseball Team will once again battle the Sheriff's Department on Saturday, Sept. 22, at El Cariso Park in Sylmar.

The Centurions are confident they're ready for the Baca Boyz this time around. "Our team has been awesome in league play," said manager Tim Moss. "We've had consistent quality pitching from Cesar Corona, Martin Majarro, Tim Jenneman and Craig Valenzuela."



LAPD CENTURIONS: (kneeling) Tim Walla, Alfredo Aleman, Warren Porche, Martin Majarro, Luis Santiago, (middle row) Brian Eldridge, Cesar Corona, Nick Nemecek, Tony Valadez, Joseph Miranda, (back row) Tim Moss (manager), Nate Baez, John Baily, Louis Cabrera, Ernie Fisher (coach), Jaime Chacon, Mike Scott. (Not Pictured) C. Valenzuela, A. Ares, R. Estevez, T. Jenneman, C. Reuser, S. Roussel, W. Skett.

Held in coordination with the Manny Mota Foundation and other local agencies, the daylong event will feature law enforcement displays (from both agencies), rides and games, health fair, food, and special guest celebrities in a quest to make sure that no child is forgotten at the holidays.

"We are looking for everyone possible to donate a toy for this event," said event coordinator Mike Scott. "This is our way of giving back to the community we serve. As police officers we are in a position to make a difference...and we will." The event runs from 1000 to 1400, and El Cariso Park is just north of the 210 Freeway at Hubbard St.

he continued, "and Brian Eldridge, Will Skett, Nick Nemecek and Mike Scott have all led the offense.

"You know how on some squads you have two or three good players? Our whole team is stacked with talent—from our leadoff hitter to our number nine guy. I'm like a kid in a candy store when it comes to making out the lineup."

The Centurions and Baca Boyz last met on June 2 and battled to a 2-2 tie. For more information on the event, including volunteer opportunities, contact Mike Scott at (818) 314-8998 or 362-3415.

## LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR SPORTS AWARDS DINNER



Deadline for submission of nominees to be honored at this year's dinner has officially closed, but the clock is still magically ticking. There's not much time, though...late nominations will be accepted through Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

If there's a member of your team or one of your co-workers whom you feel should be honored as Athlete of the Year, Sportsman of the Year, or in any of the dozen categories outlined in our last issue, now's the time to take action. Applications are available at the LAPD Athletic Director's Office, in the basement of the Elysian Park Academy, or by calling (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

Plans are already jelling for this year's event to be held Friday night, November 30. A "Mexican Fiesta" celebration is being planned for the 48<sup>th</sup> annual recognition of the department's best, featuring a South of the Border Buffet and themed entertainment. The traditional open bar attitude adjustment (served up by command staff) will open the evening from 1700-1800 with dinner at 1800 and awards from 1900 until closing.

Ducats for this year's dinner remain \$20 (pre-sale) and will go on sale soon at the LAPRAAC Administrative Office and LAPD Athletic Director's Offices in the Elysian Park Academy, LAPRAAC Store at the Recruit Training Center in Westchester, and through your division LAPRAAC representatives.

For updated information on the dinner and ticket availability, call the Sports Beat Winsline, (323) 221-5222, ext. 800. To offer your assistance to event organizers, call the Athletic Director's office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

*(Editor's note: Just how many Sports Awards dinners have there been? There has been some confusing information in the past. The dinner was first held in 1954. While this is the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the initial celebration [like a 47<sup>th</sup> "birthday"], it is the 48<sup>th</sup> time the actual event has been held. This year's dinner, then, would be the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Awards Dinner.)*

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Sgt. Paul Hernandez has volunteered to be the Director of Security for the 2002 U.S. Figure Skating Championships. He is seeking active and retired officers as volunteers to help secure the future United States Olympic Figure Skating athletes and representatives. If you are interested in being a part of history, please contact Sgt. Paul Hernandez at (626) 437-8537 or reach him by e-mail at [pd surveillance@usa.net](mailto:pd surveillance@usa.net).

Los Angeles hosts its first winter Olympic Trial in history. Join the 2002 family of volunteers. Spouses and family members are welcome.

STAPLES Center will host the Olympic qualifying National Figure Skating Championships January 6-13, 2002. This will be the first winter Olympic Trial ever held in Los Angeles.

The battle between America's finest figure skaters, Michelle Kwan (2001 World Champion), Sasha Cohen (2000 Ladies Silver Medalist), Naomi Nan (1999 Silver Medalist), and Sarah Hughes (2001 Silver Medalist) will make this event the most sought after ticket in town.

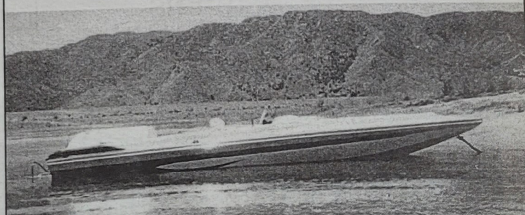
America's next Olympic figure skating team will be determined right here at STAPLES Center. Over 1,500 athletes, chaperones and officials will assemble in Los Angeles for the championships. Twelve national titles will be determined during six days of competition. This year the 2002 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships are expected to garner enormous attention because the event will occur a few weeks prior to the Salt Lake City Olympics, the first Winter Games to be held in the United States in more than two decades.

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## Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Bernie Remas

### Labor Day, 2001

I know for most of you this holiday that just passed was Labor Day! For some of us retired people we call it "Non-Labor Day!" Most of us did some kind of labor before we retired, but we still like to celebrate holidays—just like you!! Love that check that comes to my bank account every month from the good ol' city of L.A.!

As was mentioned here last month, we had a change of command here at SABLA! (See photo bottom right). Now in charge is **George Puddy**, #2331! For the July meeting, George and **Hoy Key** took the head table, and we had a productive luncheon. We had some new SABLA members pay their dues, and some old members pay their dues for this fiscal year too! We had some guys show up that we haven't seen for a while, and we saw some guys that have never been here!

For example, **Al Bollinger**, #13340, rode his "big Harley" all the way up here from Big Bear City! (see photo right). Now do you think I'm letting "the cat out of the bag" here? Maybe he wasn't supposed to be this far from home, do you think? I'm pretty sure he paid for his own lunch though! Hoy Key said that it was a "nice ride for a Code 7!"

And not to be outdone, we have a new SABLA member in one **Bruce Bell**, #5583! (see photo top right). Having maybe more sense, Bruce drove a car here from "down 395"—all the way from the city of Bishop! He retired from Central Division in 1968, and if you're in the area, he owns and operates McMurtry's Saloon in Bishop. Stop in for a beer! Bruce suggested that I add up the years of LAPD service of all the guys at the lunch, and put the total in this article. Just like the League does on the page of all the retirees!

Not a bad idea. But some of us can't remember how many years we worked! Thanks, Bruce! We'll work on it.

And at another table, I sat down and didn't hardly recognize him—it had been so long ago! **Bill Slagle**, #4651! He lives in nearby Rancho Cordova and renewed his membership in SABLA!

Also showing up "out of the LAPD Blue" was **Bob Markussen** who still lives up the hill in Auburn. Bob is looking for work. Anybody got anything for him out there? Drop him a line, or call me. I have his e-mail address, and you can "do" each other!

And another one who always pays his dues, but we don't see too often is **L.C. Browne**, #12847! He's in Elk Grove just south of here. And according to Ed Lewandowski and Lew Ritter who had lunch with him the reason we don't see him is because he is teaching math full time in high school in Elk Grove. Thanks, L.C. Hope to see you at the BBQ in September! C'mon back when you can!

And a special "thanks" to all of you who make a special effort to join with us on the second Thursday of the month! We enjoy having ALL of you. Now pay your dues! \$15 for a whole

there mixing it up at one of the tables, as was **Ray Lauritzen** and **Jim Bird**.

Our "motorcycle crowd" of **Chuck Ward**, **Bill Wilhelm** and **Chuck Crawford** were all at the same table—again!! Fortunately for him, another of the "old Motors" guys, **Justin Dyer** was at another table with **Roy Kerton**. Some of

jug wines or box wines or gallon bottles here! These are all individual regular size wine bottles—reds and whites!

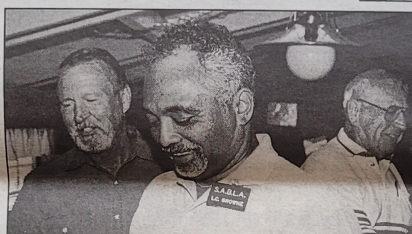
Don't forget the "hayride" on Ron's 1928 Italia truck! Make sure you take your glass, 'cause there's more wine on the ride, and you'll meet one of Ron's neighbors, who can and will answer all your questions about wine! He'll give you all the new trends too!

And that weekend is the Valley of the Moon festival with a fantastic wine tasting event on Friday night before the BBQ!

There's another chance for you to see **Al & Vicky Proudfoot**. They never miss. Or maybe 77th's **Tom & Sharon Purington**. Lots and lots of wine and lots and lots of food, and a souvenir wine glass. The tickets are extra and Ron can help you with that purchase. Let's hope you're not too late! You'll need a motel that night and he has a listing of those too. Call him or Marilyn at (707) 938-4937 or e-mail at



"Can't stand to look" left to right: Ron Kiser, LAPD retired and Jeff Kiser, LAPD active Metro Division.



Left: Al Bollinger, middle: L.C. Browne, right: Roy Kerton. L.C. to Al laughing and saying "you rode a Harley all the way from Big Bear?"



"Change of Command" Left to right: George Puddy, new chairman, Ed Lewandowski, outgoing and Hoy Key, outgoing and incoming secretary/treasurer.

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**Nate Iannone** was not at the luncheon due to recent heart attack in the Bridgeport area. He was brought back to Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento for four heart bypasses! Later I talked to him briefly on the phone and he said he was doing just fine! His daughter Liz stated that Nate was doing well and that he would be going home on July 19th or 20th. Good news!!

Those of you that know Nate, "drop a dime on him"—oops—that's 50 cents now, or send a card! Get well, Nate.

Also saw **Jim Mesken**, **Bob Keel** and **Gene DeCrona** at this luncheon. Where were you?? John "2-gun" Powers was

our SABLA guys do "mix it up" with the rest of us! Why weren't you here "mixin' it up"? Like **Bob Troutt** from Grass Valley.

**Ron Kiser** from Sonoma brought his son, **Jeffrey Kiser**, to the luncheon. Jeff is an LAPDer, currently assigned to Metro Division, one of my old haunts! (see photo). So we put him to work and made him our guest speaker for the day. I'm sure he wasn't planning on it! Everybody thought his offerings about the current happenings in LAPD were extremely interesting! Most of us don't hear about the inner workings of our "alma mater" put in the same perspective, as Jeff was able to tell us. Thanks from all of us for sharing your thoughts with us! We'll see Jeff at Kiser's BBQ and picnic later this month.

Speaking of the LAPD BBQ and picnic later this month, we hope you've made your plans to join us! It's reminder time that Marilyn & Ron Kiser's vineyard is where you want to be later this month on Saturday, September 29, 2001. Make sure you make plans right now! We're all gonna be there, right?

This is your last chance to hear about this year's BBQ and LAPD get-together in the wine country! Ron tells me that this will be another great year and a great raffle too. New York steak and range chicken are your choices. Plus all the beer you can drink, and some great wines too! NO

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One last item. My wife, **Judy**, and I were zippin' up the coast in July and decided on an o'nite in San Simeon. That way we could see the Hearst Castle the next morning. We got our tickets and headed to the movie in prep for tour #1! Who should be taking our tickets but a Cambria resident and retired LAPD and then the Lottery—**Runo Lemming**!! He didn't know whether to look up or not! I think I caught him off-guard! Said he and **Roberta** were doing just fine! He looks fine!

And don't forget x motor cop **Bob Tucker**, #4104. He's at Highgate Retirement Village, 415 Sierra College Dr., #116, Grass Valley, CA 95945; phone: (530) 274-3479. A card or call would be great!

Our next luncheon is Thursday, September 13, 2001, Friends Restaurant, Highway 50 and Zinfandel, Rancho Cordova, 1130 hours.

If you're traveling this way in October, the date is Thursday, October 11, 2001. Same place, same time.

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## Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

I am already getting calls, "Didn't see your article in August issue," and "You're getting lazy in your old age or are you getting senile, you forget to write your article for August issue?" Well! I'm all those things, but there is a deadline for the 6th of the month, and I was out of town, believe it or not, having fun. Didn't make any money (Oh, I forgot to tell you I spent a week in Laughlin), but I didn't lose any, either. Hit a solid 5 spot on Keno for \$750 and quarter poker for \$350. Rooms were free. Spent \$100 on gambling and food so I came home with \$110. Gas was \$40 so I was real happy with my \$60 profit. At least I didn't have to sell my car or the farm, like some of the gamblers. But we had fun. I have been to Oregon, Mesa, Ariz., Burbank, Thousand Oaks, Denver, CO, but I'm home for a week, then off to Oregon again for a week. Have not been home for five weeks in a row so have not been able to take the E.E.C.P. treatment. But have made reservations to start August 27th to Sept. 30th so will be able to give a report at Oct. 10th Inland Blue Line luncheon. And for all those interested, and do not attend the luncheon, I will have a report in the November issue of the *Thin Blue Line*. Several of the retirees that have taken the sessions say that it helps and they feel better. I still believe in it and am looking forward to the coming treatments.

Attended the meeting of the Police & Fire Retirement at Elysian Park today. It was great and very informative. They have meetings the first Wednesday of the month from 10 to 12. You would gain a world of information that you don't get anywhere else. And only costs \$1 per month. I saw retirees that I had not seen for over 40 years. It's great to keep in touch. One of the guys that made my whole trip worthwhile was Capt. M. King and his lovely wife. It was Merv's 87th birthday and he looks great. Had not seen him since my old Hollywood days back in early 1950s. I still think that all you guys that don't belong to the retired association for only \$1 a month are missing a good bet. The retired book is well worth belonging. This year's book has it all. If the retiree passes on (E.O.W.), your survivors only have to look in the front of this book and it tells survivors all they need to know. What, where and when and why. It's invaluable.

How about this LAPD advertising "they need a few good men." They say they are having trouble getting recruits. I'm not surprised, but that don't excuse the powers who lowered the standards,

just to get enough officers to fill the quotas. The article in the Retirement Police & Fire News information stated they are now thinking of maybe recruiting retired officers to come back on the job. I am sure that most of the retirees would think they would have to change a lot. Change policies and keep policies out of the police department. If they would screen the recruits and not lower the standards and appoint a real good and qualified civil service commission to run the hiring like they used to, when they hired an outside, not qualified person to be Chief of Police of what used to be the finest police department in the world, they really showed their colors. They passed over well qualified officers on promotions just to fill a quota of so called minorities. They really did it. I don't blame officers for retiring at 20 years when they used to look forward to 30 years. Not of you old timers remember Doc Vance. Wouldn't he turn over in his grave if he had to examine a lot of new recruits of today's applicants? Doc Vance would have had a coronary if he would have seen the overweight officers I saw. He would have had trouble bending over to tie his shoes. Yes, I'm glad I served my time on LAPD when I did. The public may not have liked us, but they respected us. I feel sorry for all the qualified officers of today and there probably are quite a few.

But until the department gets smart and completely changes their policy, they will never have a department like yesteryear. Well, enough of that.

The next meeting of the Inland Blue Line will be Oct. 10, 2001. That is the second Wednesday of the month. Anchor Restaurant, 2524 E. Florida Ave. in Hemet, Calif. Tariff is \$11 per person, tax and tip included.

And you won't want to miss the program. Jack Horrall will be the guest speaker. Jack is well versed on his subject and all of you that are interested in your pension and upcoming new policies will want to hear this.

If a retiree loses a spouse and down the road decides to remarry, what happens to your pensions. Well come hear an expert inform you. Should be a great program. I'm sure looking forward to it. So see you in October, and remember, buckle up, be careful, carry a shotgun or a big stick. It's a jungle out there. And oh, yes, the Inland Blue Line address is in the front pages of new Fire & Police retirement book.

Take care of yourselves. We need you old timers to really tell the new officers how it really was and how it really should be. Right!!

## Retirement Corner



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## Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on September 19, 2001 (3rd Wednesday) at "The LAMPLIGHTER" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. We have no specific start time, and many arrive between 10 and 10:30 a.m. to visit over a cup of coffee as the lunch orders are not taken until 11:00 a.m. For those that have never attended, our menu consists of lunch or breakfast entrees and salads in the price range of six to eight dollars.

We had 27 at the July 18th luncheon. The following were present: Bob Baker (7839), Genie Baker, Ted Debs (6808), Ed Elliott (4703), Hillard (Curly) Elliott (4534), Ray Elmer (5607), Clinton Erickson (5608), Bill Feddersen (4823), Jack Gerson (5727), Mel Harner (4501), Mike Jauregui (12143), John Kepke (4603), Jim Lawson (10748), Tom Lindholm (4734), Boris Meneghelli (3522), George Moore (10565), Lou Netza (7655), Joe Nieznalski (5014), Les Nolte (10821), Ben Reineke (3190), Forrest Sloan (6713), Stuart Stremsterfer (4394), Gene T. Wallis (11007), Earl Wells

(6297), Richard Young (10585), Clem (4495) and Vi Zumel.

This was the first time Jim Lawson, Clem and Vi Zumel attended one of our luncheons.

Our annual BBQ will be on October 21st at the usual location, which is Dale Rickard's Ranch, 33173 W. Mulholland Hwy, Malibu, CA. This is the same as Hwy 23 that goes from the Ventura Freeway to Pacific Coast Highway and is about six miles south of the Ventura Freeway. The cost this year is \$15 each and payable in advance to me by October 15th. I am including the information here in case you miss the advertisement elsewhere in this issue. Hope many of you retirees will be able to attend this year and renew old friendships and see a lot of old Western movie and television props Dale has accumulated.

If there are any retired Valley officers not able to attend our meetings that have information of interest to officers attending our meetings, just send me a note to my e-mail address below.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you have any questions.

## HAPPY RETIREMENT



Harbor's own officer Fritz McDowell (standing center) and his wife Linda (right) receive congratulations from League Blue Line representative Helen McVay and husband, Danny McVay (retired). Over 200 friends helped celebrate Fritz's prolific 30-year career.

## Dates to Remember

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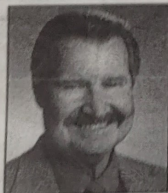
September 5	George Lopez	1700	1800
September 5	L.A. Retired Fire & Police General Meeting	1000	
September 9	LaLey Family Picnic	1100	
September 10	LAPPL Golf Tournament for Family Support Group, Porters Valley CC	0830	
September 13	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
September 14	So. Bureau Homicide Reunion Harbor Range	1600	
September 17	Pacific Boosters Golf Classic, Wood Ranch GC	0630	
September 19	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
September 20	Central Coast Fuzz Luncheon		
September 22	Inland Northwest LAPD Reunion	1600	
September 22	Centurions Baseball Game Fundraiser	1000	
September 23	LAPPL Raging Waters Picnic	1000	
September 28	LAPRAAC Golf Club, Santa Anita		
September 29	Bacon & Eggs Race (Metro)	0800	
September 29	LAPD Wine Country BBQ, Kiser Ranch	1000	

### October

October 10	Inland Blue Line	1100	
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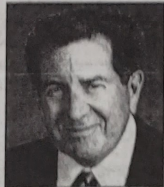
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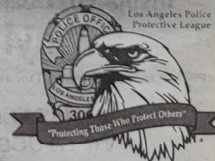
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## Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

### Everything Had Changed

A fresh spring day sometime around 1971 or '72 when the flower children and protestors were rampant, when peaceniks and hippies challenged us almost every day, found me just returning to work from my long vacation and en route upstairs to hold Day Watch roll call at my home away from home, the famous 1354 Newton St. What a place. I loved it!

The original station was a great old building and it had looked like a police station ought to look, on the outside, anyway. But inside, despite the trustees keeping it shined and polished to a high gloss, it had run out of space and needed a major league facelift to somewhat spruce it up like our mile-away closest neighbor, Parker Center. And we finally did get one but guess what the city got at about the same (1965) time? A big event, nationally aired, a convulsive, deadly riot, and after that nothing was ever the same. Not Newton Station, not LAPD, not the City of the Angels. In fact, nothing was ever the same again...everything had changed.

After calling roll, my attention was drawn to a new face. He wasn't hard to miss because jammed into his squared away, upper ten uniform that proudly said, "I am Officer Sharp," were a pair of biceps that silently said, "Go ahead, try me!" He asked a couple of questions, made a couple of pointed comments, and as soon as roll call was over, Mr. Muscles and his partner wasted no time in promptly saddling up and riding out of Fort Newton. I got tied up and missed a chance to introduce myself, so I inquired of other sergeants as to who is the new guy, Officer Levine? As I recall, Sgt. Bob Van Gelder said, "First of all, it's Levin, not Levine. I think he transferred in from WLA, he definitely has a pretty good opinion about everything, and on top of that he's a pretty sharp guy."

Bob was absolutely right. Officer Barry Levin fit in at Newton with absolutely no pain, no strain. He was a born leader, smart, sharp, tough as

nails, and with about ten times more confidence and maturity than the average two-year copper. At that time, not too long after the shootout with the Black Panthers, we still had a lot of no-nonsense very competent cops on board. However, there wasn't exactly a long waiting list for cops voluntarily wanting to come to Newton for a repeat performance unless they were passing through en route to Metro, so Barry and his super positive attitude, his "Windy City" street smarts and his airborne background soon made him a sought after partner as well as a pleasure to supervise. I can still see him when he was really up about some issue. He would walk and talk with his face pointed slightly upwards emphasizing his points by moving his head up or down and using his nose and chin as pointers. And he would also use his hands for additional emphasis as if he was throwing out a few quick jabs as he had done in his boxing days back in Chicago.

And he could organize. Fishing trips to Baja, Harley trips up north and his own pet project, reduce crime in Newton. I seem to recall some chagrined fan belt inspectors digging up a backyard after Barry had a tip about some hurried M-16s. He, of course, was right. Barry always had good info and he was one of those guys with the gift of gab that got results and not apoplexy. It is doubtful that any of the street people would have dared given their hero, "Mr. Barry," negative info. Barry was a straight shooter, people respected him for that and as a result he was always working on something.

Time flew by with lots of pleasant memories and Barry moved around to Newton Detectives and narcotics while I retired. But he knuckled down, studied hard, passed the bar and became Barry Levin, Incorporated. It was about 24 years until I would see him again. Oh, I saw him here and there on T.V. and in the papers with some of his high profile cases and then about a year or two ago while checking in V.I.P.'s at the Mexican Mafia trial in federal court, guess who walked up to the check point? It was Mr.

13A43 in person! And he looked comfortable, confident and super sharp! After that, I saw him quite a bit at the Los Angeles Federal Courthouse and then I was transferred to the Ronald Reagan Federal Courthouse in Santa Ana. But Barry was never too busy to stop and chat a minute or two with me or a couple of other retired LAPD officers on our courthouse detail. And every officer knew who he was. A not uncommon comment at our squad room was, "Hey, did you see Barry today? He was in courtroom such and such. Boy, wouldn't he make a great Chief of Police?"

But that was not to be. Not today, not next month, next year or ever...everything had changed.

University Synagogue was pretty well filled for Barry's funeral, and it is a pretty big synagogue. About ten of Barry's relatives and friends, including Bill Gailey, Don Mowry and Barry's wife, Debbie, and two of their daughters, contributed to the eulogy and shared some private and some not-so-private views as well as some serious and some funny moments with us. Somehow Gailey and Mowry were able to find Barry's commanding officer from the 82nd Airborne Division, who was there when Barry and another paratrooper jumped into a canal in Vietnam and saved another wounded man out of the water as he almost drowned under the weight of his equipment and the wounds that he had received. His C.O. said that the bullets hitting the water were as fierce and as numerous as if someone had thrown handfuls of pebbles into the water. Barry received the Bronze Star medal for his heroism, and two Purple Hearts later, he himself was air-evacuated out of Vietnam with three bullets in his right hip.

Among the mourners were a lot of Newton cops, past and present. Joe Van Fleet, Cal McShan, J.D. Furr, Duke Blakesley, Emmet Till, Doug Aschenbrenner, Jack Breslin, Danny Santa Maria, Bob Hutton, Tony Ketelslager, Roy Hunter, Rich Wemmer, Dave Gascon and lots of other guys whose names elude my now somewhat Jello-fied memory. Also seen were Chief Parks, Dist. Attorney Steve Cooley

and last year's president of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, Ted Hunt. There were also other police brass there, but I did not recognize them nor know their names. Thank you, gentlemen, for responding to this tragic occasion.

In closing, the OLD BLUE running team sends our deepest sympathy to Debbie and her family. We know that you are as proud of Barry as we were working with him. Besides his family he also had a love for justice and equality and an absolute passion for his other brothers in arms, the Vietnam veteran. Good men like Barry don't come along every day. We're glad that we had the chance, however brief, to work with him. Shalom, my friend.

Some of our OLD BLUE runners were anything but inactive this summer. At the World Police and Fire Games in Indianapolis approximately 10,000 athletes competed. Chuck Foote won Gold Medals in both the 300M Steeplechase as well as a member of the Grand Masters Triathlon Team. Congratulations, Chuck. That was quite an accomplishment. Also, Jay Hernandez won a Silver Medal in the Mens 200M race as well as two Bronze Medals for the Mens 400M race and the Mens 3000M Steeplechase. Congratulations, Jay. You get better every year! Chuck Foote came back to also win a Bronze Medal in the Mens 5000M race. Outstanding work, Chuck!

We'll be starting up again in the Fall with our first get together on Sunday, October 7th at 8:00 a.m. in Griffith Park. Just exit the n/b I-5 at the blvd. stop sign which is Crystal Springs Road. Go half a mile to the Park Rangers HQ and r/t down to the baseball diamond. The meets are always on the first Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m., rain or shine. We'll c-u there and ladies, as usual, are especially invited with a free breakfast for all first timers. Almost overlooked in all of the excitement is everyone's favorite runner, Mel Sandvig. En route to his personal goal of running 100 marathons, he has just put number 90 on ice. At 26.2 miles each, you do the math. Incredible!

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by Dave Aikins

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together. The photo shows Sam & Paulette Lopez at the gathering last year enjoying the festivities. These two deserve a lot of kudos for all the work they have done for our Fuzz gang. For further information, contact Tom Zwinger at 805-474-4125.

#### Small World Category

I mentioned last time that several of us Fuzz guys have some fun playing softball in Pismo Beach. During a friendly softball game with some fellows over in Tulare, Calif., I ran into (not literally) Don Wright, an LAPD retiree who left the Department in 1981. Don, who now lives on a beautiful spread in Springville, Calif., worked security with the state of California for 17 years in Porterville, and is now retired from that assignment. So, on a hot softball field in Tulare, one runs into a fellow LAPD veteran who is in great shape and enjoying life in his retirement. Yeah, it's a small world.

On June 13, Judy and I, along with my grandson, Chad Costello, age 13,



Paulette (left) and Sam Lopez (right).

sandy beaches go for miles and are almost devoid of people. No reservations are taken and it's first come, first served, but if you get there early in the morning (between 0600/0700 hours), you can usually get a campsite. If you love the ocean and want a great place for the kids and the dogs, it's the hot ticket. Yeah, Taffy, my Golden Retriever, who chases tennis balls all day in the surf, highly recommends it. Check it out at 805-736-3504.

#### Next Fuzz Event

The Fuzz Gang is getting ready for their event this September 20th at Rosa's Italian Restaurant in Pismo Beach. The famous restaurant puts out great pasta dishes and there is always plenty to eat. This is our annual white elephant auction that helps fund our super Christmas party at the Madonna Inn in December. We have a great time and it's a fun get

attended the dedication ceremony of Air Support Division's refurbished UH-1 helicopter honoring Gary Howe and Randy Champe. Both officers gave their lives in performance of their duty ten years ago. My compliments to Capt. Mike Hillmann and Officer Chuck Perriguy for presenting a masterful observance for two outstanding LAPD heroes who will forever be remembered.

#### Correction

In the last article, I mentioned that Clinton O. Erickson, from the Valley Retired Blues, attended our luncheon in Atascadero last June. I fouled up and did not accurately report that his companion was Francis Davidson. My apologies to Clinton and Francis and thank them again for being there with us.

Take care, and catch us at wuzzlapd@aol.com. KMA

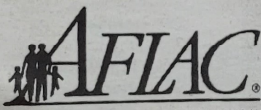
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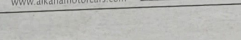
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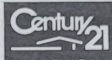
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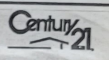
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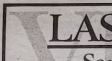
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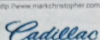


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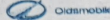
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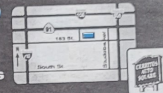
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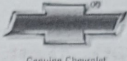
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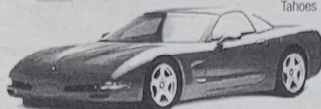
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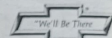
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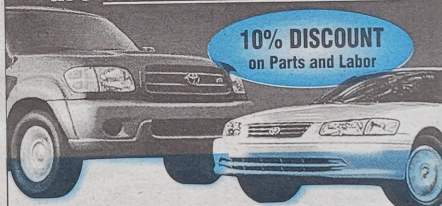


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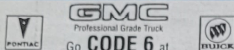
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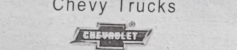
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